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# GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR RUINS OF FINNS' SECOND BIGGEST CITY

### THE DIGGERS LEAVE FOR EGYPT



HERE IS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH published in Hongkong of the Diggers—men of the 2nd Australian Expeditionary Force—embarking in Melbourne for Egypt. The Digger uniform is somewhat different to that worn by the Anzacs during the last war. Air Force Blue has been substituted for khaki, puttees have been abandoned and the famous plumed hat replaced by a garrison cap. But, despite these changes, the Digger still sticks to his cocked hat, which he carries over his shoulder and will wear during Active Service in Egypt and Palestine.—Domei.

### VLADIVOSTOK AS BLOCKADE AREA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It has been learned from reliable sources that Great Britain has opened discussions with Canada regarding the possibility of establishing Contraband Control bases on the west coast of Canada to check traffic from the United States and other Pacific territories to Vladivostok.

It is understood that Britain has also re-opened conversations with Washington regarding the United States exports of rubber, tin and copper to Vladivostok for the Soviet Government.

This action is said to have followed demands in the House of Commons for an extension of the economic blockade against Germany.

Authoritative quarters here have stated that besides Canada's ports on the Pacific, the ports of Hongkong and Singapore and such islands as the Fiji group may be used by the British Navy to block Russia's traffic in commodities destined for re-export to Germany. The amounts reaching Germany by that route are, however, thought to be relatively small.

Soviet Policy in Pacific  
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (UP).—The newspaper "Yomiuri" said the reported strengthening of the Russian Naval defences in the Far East is a matter of serious concern to Japan.

It says that the Soviet Vice-Commissioner of Navy has announced that the Soviet Union is stationing 100 submarines, 12 torpedo boats and other auxiliary craft in Far Eastern waters with their base in Vladivostok.

It may be Russia's right to carry out such a policy, but whether it is expedient under the existing state of Japanese-Soviet relations is very doubtful.

Naval Race Dangers

The war points to the trade negotiations. A present in progress in Moscow and the mutual agreement to establish a border commission to

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### PANAMA CANAL DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—A resolution has been presented to Congress asking the administration to acquire land bases to help defend the Panama Canal, "against any possible military activity by any non-American power."

The acquisition of land on the north coast of South America, or islands off the coast for an army base similar to that under construction at Puerto Rico, to protect the Canal, has been suggested.

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### SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DRIVE ALONG GULF OF FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 28 (REUTER).—A GREAT BATTLE FOR THE DESERTED AND SHELL-WRECKED TOWN OF VIBORG HAS BEEN RAGING ALL DAY.

WHILE THE FINNISH ARTILLERY HAS BEEN POUNDING THE RUSSIANS ROUND THE BAY OF VIBORG THEIR NEWLY-ARRIVED FOREIGN WARPLANES HAVE BEEN MAKING INTENSIVE BOMBING RAIDS ON THE RUSSIAN LINES.

Bombs which were dropped on the ice, hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters beneath.

Because of the more easily defended nature of the ground, experts in Helsingfors have little doubt that the Finnish forces at Viborg will continue to hold out.

To-night there was a considerable rise in the temperature which gives hope that the weather may come forward and hamper the Soviet onslaught.

#### WEATHER IMPEDES RUSSIANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRKENA, Feb. 28 (UP).—Little activity continues in the Petsamo region where the Russian air force's action has been stopped by cold weather, the thermometer showing 20 degrees below zero (Centigrade).

The Russian troops have not yet taken advantage of the Finnish retreat and the advanced Russian positions are reported to have not yet made a move to the south. Any attempt to do this is hampered by snow and the rough terrain.

Finnish patrols have been active in the vicinity of their previous positions at Hoysesjaervi thus enabling their artillery to find the change of Russian's positions.

It is expected that the Russians will continue their attempts to advance to the south in order to eventually reach the Gulf of Bothnia.

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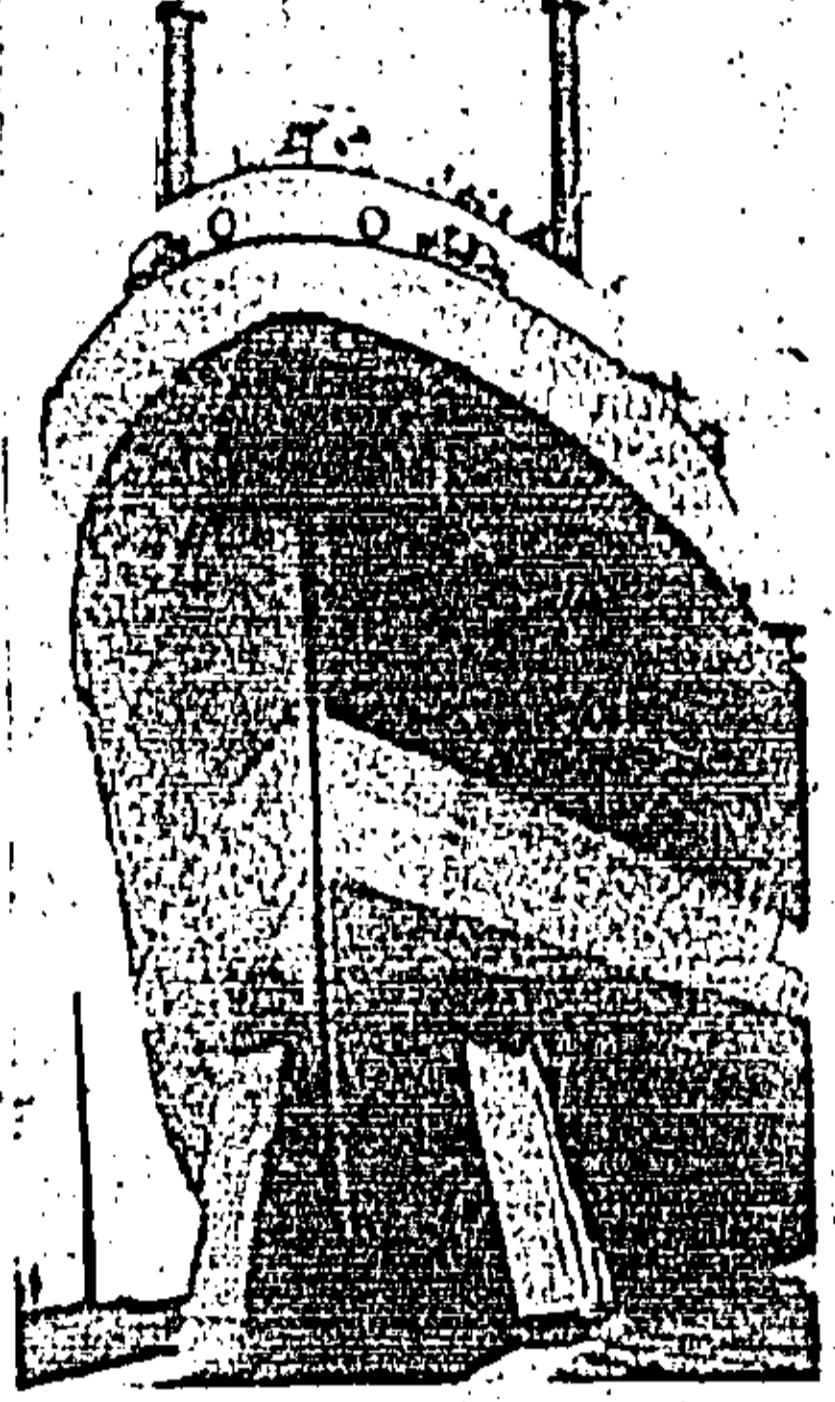
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THE GLENORCHY photographed as she was being launched in Hongkong.

### HONGKONG STEAMER RESCUES 13 MEN

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Homeward bound from the Far East, the Hongkong-built Glenorchy passed through a large patch of oil floating on the water.

Half-an-hour later, Captain William-Christie of the Glenorchy sighted an open boat about 80 miles from the Spanish coast.

There were no signs of life in the open boat so the Glenorchy circled round and sounded her whistle.

"Immediately," Captain Christie said, "the boat came to life with heads and waving arms." It contained the Captain, Chief Engineer and eleven men of the Dutch motor tanker Den Haag, 8,971 tons, which was lost on a voyage from New York to Rotterdam. The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

Lain Down To Die

The men, who were exhausted and starving after drifting for four days, had lain down to die.

Nothing is known of the fate of 26 other members of the crew of the Den Haag who took to two other boats.

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**A LOOK Through  
The "Telegraph"**

**50 YEARS AGO**

March 1, 1890. Miss Bisland took seventy-seven days to make the tour of the world and Miss Nellie Bly therefore beat her by four and a half days.

As will be seen from the half-yearly report of the Hongkong Hotel Company, in their column, the directors intend extending the hotel premises to the Poxon, which will more than double its capacity.

**25 YEARS AGO**

March 1, 1915. Below we give a full list of men who have volunteered from Hongkong and districts for service at the front, and who have made the authorities and left for Home.—A. P. Begg, G. A. J. Wildie, R. Higlers, A. N. Josseland, B. Forster, R. Lapsley, G. W. Rogers, A. Hall, G. D. Proctor, F. H. Coleman, F. Luber, Bateman, E. L. Braga, W. Wilcock, D. Blenkiron, E. G. Golding, M. Grind, G. Herdman, J. H. May, G. Mooney, J. Soure, A. H. Hyatt, G. E. Gimpirecht, F. Hennett, A. P. Wilson, R. Goods, P. Shennett, F. V. Dean, A. Patthorn, A. P. Storrie, L. O. Collins, C. R. McLean, A. McLean, R. N. Burton, J. W. G. Hudson, R. C. Ryder, J. E. Cooke, R. Herdman, G. Robertson, N. C. Chunyut, H. J. White, W. J. H. Fairley, W. M. Stevens, G. E. Olive, C. West, H. G. Dixey, A. D. Shaw, W. H. Chatham, G. K. Chatham, G. Powell.

The Germans, in the wood at Malmen-court, seem arrayed to do our trenches with burning liquid. The tanks seem to be abandoned, the documents being seriously burnt. (This was the first on which mustard gas was used.—Ed.)

**10 YEARS AGO**

March 1, 1930. While it has been stated that there is little likelihood of a Republic being proclaimed in Spain at this juncture, the political situation is becoming extremely critical and the formation of a Republic is being openly discussed. The feeling against the Monarchy is undoubtedly growing, but for the time being it is doubted whether the Republican organisation is sufficiently strong to effect a coup.

**5 YEARS AGO**

March 1, 1935. Despite the fact that the Emperor of Abyssinia has written to the King of Italy and to Signor Mussolini, the Fascist Dictator, urging that Italy and Abyssinia's friendship be not molested by conflict over the frontier incidents at Uthal, 90,000 of his troops are massed on the Somaliland frontier.

It is expected that if the King of Italy formally abdicates his 11-year-old nephew, Prince Amadeo, Mahidol, will immediately be proclaimed king, with a Council of Regency acting until he reaches the age of majority.

**London Stock  
Market**

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—On the Stock Exchange to-day, Kafirs moved up sharply into the afternoon on the announcement of the South African Government's modification of its gold-mining policy.

Home rates were firm on the Southern's dividend of 14 per cent. on deferred ordinary stock.

Gilt-edged securities recovered after an early indecision elsewhere and were mainly steady. Wall Street was firm.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

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The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager,  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

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All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance has been effected.

**NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA.**  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

**Mexico To Pay  
Indemnity**

**Oil Interests Split  
On Question**

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—According to the newspaper, "Excelsior," Mexico is preparing to take the first step for a definite solution of the petroleum controversy by paying the Sinclair Petroleum Company an indemnity "in an immediate form" and in cash.

The announcement follows the recent statement by President Cardenas that the oil crisis will be solved satisfactorily for Mexico before the end of my term," he is to say within the next eight months.

The amount mentioned as payable to the Sinclair Petroleum Company is \$7,000,000.

Local oil circles make no comment on the announcement which, if true, would indicate a split in the policy of the oil interests involved in the expropriation.

**C. R.**

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS**

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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Iland Lot No. 2561	No. of Sale Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Open Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
La Salle Road, Kowloon Tsai, adjoining New Road No. 245.			feet	feet	feet	feet			
As per sale plan.			About 8,000	\$ 92	\$ 4,100				

Iland Lot No. 434	No. of Sale Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Open Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
Tsimshui Tsai, Island Road.			feet	feet	feet	feet			
As per sale plan.			About 16,500	\$ 191	\$ 4,125				

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Iland Lot No. 435	No. of Sale Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent	Open Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
Adj. Rural Building Lot No. 427, Island Road.			feet	feet	feet	feet			
As per sale plan.			About 16,500	\$ 190	\$ 3,300				

**The Home  
Food Front**

**Premier Appeals For  
More Production**

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—An appeal for the stimulation of agricultural products was made by Mr. Chamberlain, the Premier, when addressing the Chairman of the County War Agricultural Executive Committee this afternoon.

He said that we are turning the country into a huge armaments workshop thereby placing a strain upon shipping which did not exist in time.

He declared that our shipping losses, though substantial, compare trifling proportion to the volume of our shipping. It had been necessary, he said, to adopt measures which would add to the safety but which were not in themselves economic.

In addition to the amount of shipping at our disposal another limiting factor in importation are our resources in foreign exchange.

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A way out of the dilemma is to increase home production of food.

Some venerable prophets of agriculture say that Government's programme of two million acres is much too low a figure but two million was chosen as the highest figure we thought was obtainable in the time we are confined.

The programme has been handicapped by weather but it should still be possible to attain this programme if everybody puts his back into it.

The War Cabinet would be behind the farmers in their effort and the Premier had asked the

# By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

IT IS strange to see middle-aged women of determined aspect, the mothers of families, young women evidently not long married with painted lips and a permanent wave, tending an automatic machine in the crowded din of an armament works.

For thousands of women are working in factories in France. In most of them, I think, the wife was offered the job of her mobilised husband.

Many of them had never worked in a factory before, but I was told by various directors that they got into the way of it very quickly. I was not surprised, for after what I have seen I am ready to believe that the French woman can do anything she has a mind to.

But they have their homes to look after and their children to care for. In some factories they work only two weeks out of three, in others they are given every third day off, in either case with full pay, so that they should not lose touch with what after all are their essential interests and so that their children should run as little chance as possible of neglect.

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IT is grim to see this multitude of women occupied in making all manner of things to kill and maim the husbands and brothers of other women. In some work, the delicate and accurate work, for instance, that has to be put into making a



## The Woman's Part In The War

fuse, they are better than men. It is grim to see them so neatly painting and varnishing the cases of big shells.

It is grim to see them, rows and rows of them, at a factory of explosives making the bas in which powder is to be poured, and, when they are filled, tying them up into neat parcels or packing them into metal cylinders.

There are many more who have given their money and their time to the numerous associations that have been instituted to cope with the manifold difficulties of the

moment. There are many who have set themselves, alone and obscure, to alleviate the distress, financial and moral, of their neighbours.

The Red Cross has founded 150 auxiliary hospitals, with nearly 20,000 beds, and has placed thousands of adequately trained nurses at the disposal of the authorities.

L'Union des Femmes de France sends parcels to the soldiers and has enrolled a host of women and girls to make jumpers, socks and scarves for the soldiers, but besides this, it has embarked upon two undertakings, one of which shows, to my mind, a touching thoughtfulness and of which the other peculiarly interests me as a professional writer.

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MEN on leave, or transferred from one post to another, often arrive at a station where they have to spend the best part of the night before the train starts. They are tired and hungry, maybe wet through, and they have perhaps little money in their pockets. L'Union des Femmes de France offers them shelter.

A woman opens the door and invites the weary soldier to come in. He finds a warm room with

beds in it, rugs to cover him and hot coffee. There are paper and pencils on a table so that he can write to his family or his girl, and the fact that in one station alone from 250 to 300 letters are written every night shows that he is glad of the opportunity.

Next door is a lavatory where he can wash his feet and put on a clean pair of socks; his own

and it is heartening to know that the response has been great. The books are sorted and sent to the front to give a soldier a few hours of happy forgetfulness, to give him, perhaps, some new thought to ponder over and to bring into his monotonous life a little romance or a little laughter.

I said just now that I believed there was little French women could do if they had a mind to. Here is a little story which might well serve as the theme for a success novel.

There is a factory where not only most of the employees, but also the owner, were young; they were called up and the factory closed down. But the owner's secretary, whom I know only as Mademoiselle B., could not bear to think that these busy workers should stay idle and its many women employees thrown out of a job; so with feminine astuteness she pulled all the strings she could to get the factory requisitioned by the State, by which means work for National Defence could be secured.

She was thus able to keep her women workers and because what the factory produces is of essential service, get such men as are necessary. The machines were set going again, and soon work was in full swing.

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MADMOISELLE B. is evidently a young woman of determination, for during the luncheon hour, lunch being served at a canteen, she has set the women to knit scarves, socks and sweaters of the employees of the factory who are mobilised.

There is a fund to which each worker contributes a few sous so that little luxuries may be added to the parcels.

Mademoiselle B. must be a person of intelligence, energy and initiative; and of course the end of the story should be orange blossom and marriage bells; but whether she should marry the owner of the factory or a young son of toll who has returned from the front with the Croix de Guerre the reader must decide for himself.

There are vast numbers of women in France who are quietly doing obscure and humble tasks of which no one will ever hear.

There was a baker who made bread for the whole district and his wife with her handcart delivered it in the surrounding hamlets. He was called up, and since he was the only baker in the neighbourhood it would have been a poor look out for everyone if the wife he had left behind had not set to work to make and bake the bread herself at night and deliver it as usual by day.

And so everywhere the women of France, with wonderful patience, with their sense of affairs and with fortitude, are in a large part maintaining the prosperity of the country.

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IN rural districts they are looking after the horses and cattle that have not been requisitioned and getting the fruitful soil ready for next harvest.



## INDIAN TROOPS

Cairo, Feb. 28. With artillery booming, Indian troops went into action in the desert to-day in a series of exercises which will last a month. The defending force established its field headquarters under date palms in the ruins of Memphis and Bren guns and field pieces were camouflaged with palm branches.

While the motorised enemy columns trying to destroy the canals and bridges of the Nile Valley advanced from the western desert, Jats, Rajputs, Punjabis and Hazarawals, cunningly hidden in the sandy gullies, guarded a 15-mile front. They had to wait the whole night watching with telescopes and waiting for the enemy in a silence broken only by the occasional howl of a jackal. One Indian was posted with a telephone at the summit of a pyramid.

The Indians thoroughly entered into the spirit of the exercises, which they treated as the real thing.

The British, New Zealand and Egyptian armies are also carrying out exercises, and large scale manoeuvres involving the combined armies are likely to be staged.

The friendliness of the troops of different nationalities is strikingly demonstrated. The New Zealanders are mixing with the Indians and all are welcomed by the Egyptians in the Cairo bazaars. The Dominion troops salute the Indian officers with enthusiasm.

A half hour programme of Indian music is broadcast every night from Cairo for the benefit of the troops encamped in the desert. A special club for Indian troops will be inaugurated on March 4 under the presidency of Lady Lompson.

ROUTIER

are washed and mended and passed on to another man. He gets a good sleep and a kindly woman wakes him when his train is due. He leaves rested not only in body but in spirit.

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FOR months now the French soldier has had to stand the hardest possible trial to one of his ardent temper—he has had to wait; and his spirit craving for occupation demands reading matter.

L'Union des Femmes de France issued an appeal for this

vest; in the towns they are keeping the shops open and running their men's business.

Women are taking over the practice of the doctors who have been mobilised. In the schools women teachers have taken over the work of men teachers and uncomplainingly added it to their own.

I will finish my article with one trifling observation. I have made which seems to me somewhat curious.

Since the beginning of the war the hair of many of the women in France has been growing rapidly darker at the roots.

Whether this is due to the anxiety natural to the circumstances

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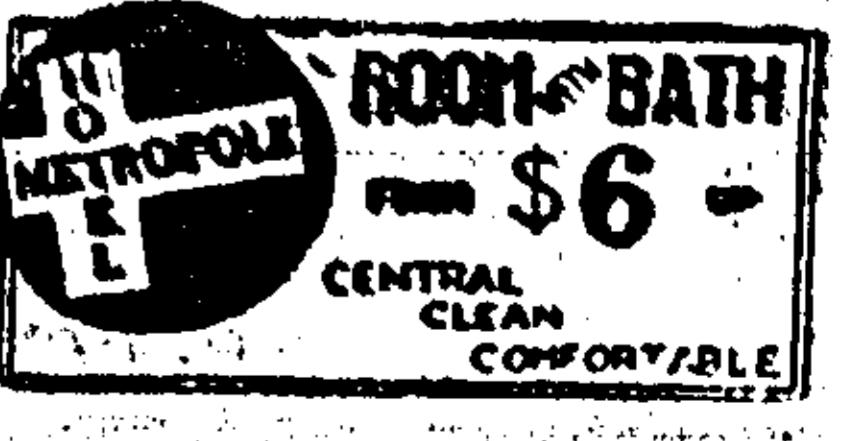
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It's a fine idea, because the little guests are home before it's really dark, and they have their musical chairs and other boisterous games in rooms which are not made airless by blackout restrictions.

Mother as hostess, provides an easy-to-cut "fingers and forks" meal at about 12.30. She remembers that small folk like savory eats as well as sweet, and that they prefer cakes and fruit which look pretty but are not over-rich in taste.

I find that tasty little meat patties served hot are relished by all children. Here is a good recipe:

Ingredients: 1 No. 1 tin corned beef, 1 oz. short-crust pastry, 4 potatoes of medium size, 2 small onions, 1 teaspoonful parsley, 1/4 gill water, or 1 tablespoonful unsweetened condensed milk.

Partly cook the potatoes and onions by boiling for about 10 minutes. Then strain, dice the potato, chop onion.

Put into a basin with the diced corned beef, parsley, pepper, salt and a little mustard, and blend with the water or unsweetened milk.

Roll out the pastry, cut into rounds about three inches across. Put an equal quantity of meat and potato mixture into the centre of each piece of pastry, fold over, tap up the edges, and mark with the back of a knife.

Bake in a moderate oven for 30 minutes, or until the pastry is golden brown, and the vegetables cooked. The appearance of the patties is improved if they are brushed over with a little beaten egg or milk before cooking.

A plateful of glossy bridge rolls spread with "green" butter will catch the eye. The spread is made by chopping well-washed watercress very fine then pounding it into a little beaten egg or milk before cooking.

Here are suggestions for other savory fillings for dainty sandwiches:

Savoury Spreads

Grated cheese sprinkled with finely chopped capers or olives; hard-boiled

egg with the tiniest dash of anchovy sauce; or, instead of the sauce, a trace of Marmite on the butter bread.

Cold beef of chicken, minced small and pounded up with a piece of margarine, salt and pepper, and a shake of nutmeg or powdered mace, makes an appetising filling. So do sardines combined with chopped beetroot and a drop or two of vinegar.

Trifle Delight

As for the sweets, it wouldn't be a party if there weren't a trifle.

Ingredients: One large sponge cake baked in a fancy mould, fruit juice, 1 1/4 pt. custard, 2 oz. sweet almonds, few drops of ratatou essence, crystallized fruits or "hundreds and thousands," 1 oz. pistachio nuts.

Place sponge cake in a deep glass dish and soak with fruit juice.

Pour over the custard flavoured with the ratatou essence. Blanch the almonds, cut into spikes and stick them into the sponge.

Sprinkle with chopped pistachio nuts, and "hundreds and thousands" or, if used, decorate with crystallized fruits and a few blobs of cream. A tempting trifle is always served really cold.

The fresh flavour of a fruit jelly is popular with young people.

Fruit Jelly

Ingredients: 2 packets strawberry jelly, 1 1/2 pints water and fruit juice, mixed fruit such as grapes, canned pineapple, and apricots.

Rinse a fairly large mould out with cold water, leave the inside wet, and

Mix gelatin dessert in a wide-mouthed pitcher. Then the gelatin may be poured into sherbet glasses very easily without spilling.

You will have no difficulty in removing the skin of tomato, if you dip it into very hot water, or place it on a fork and hold it over a gas flame.

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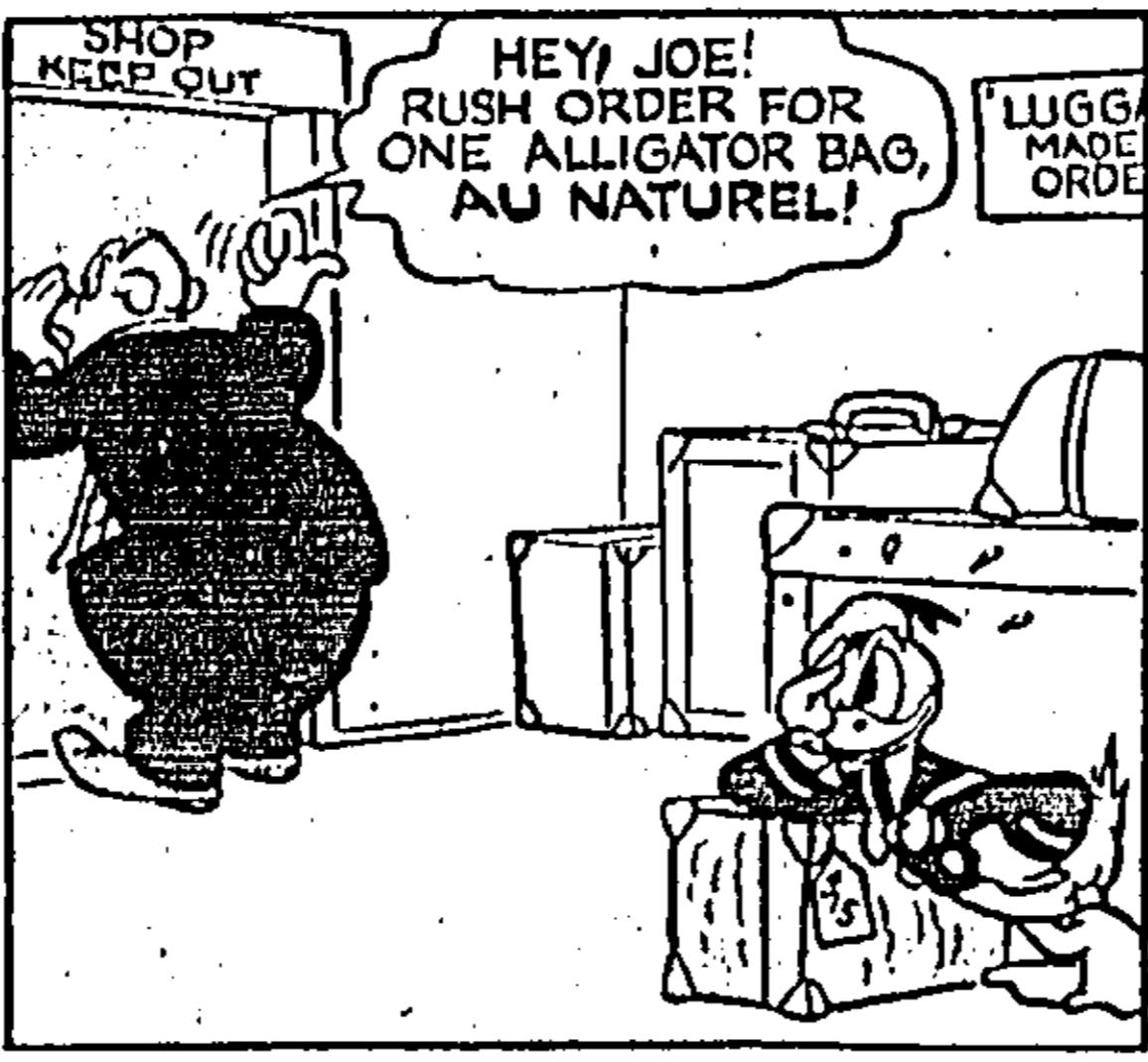
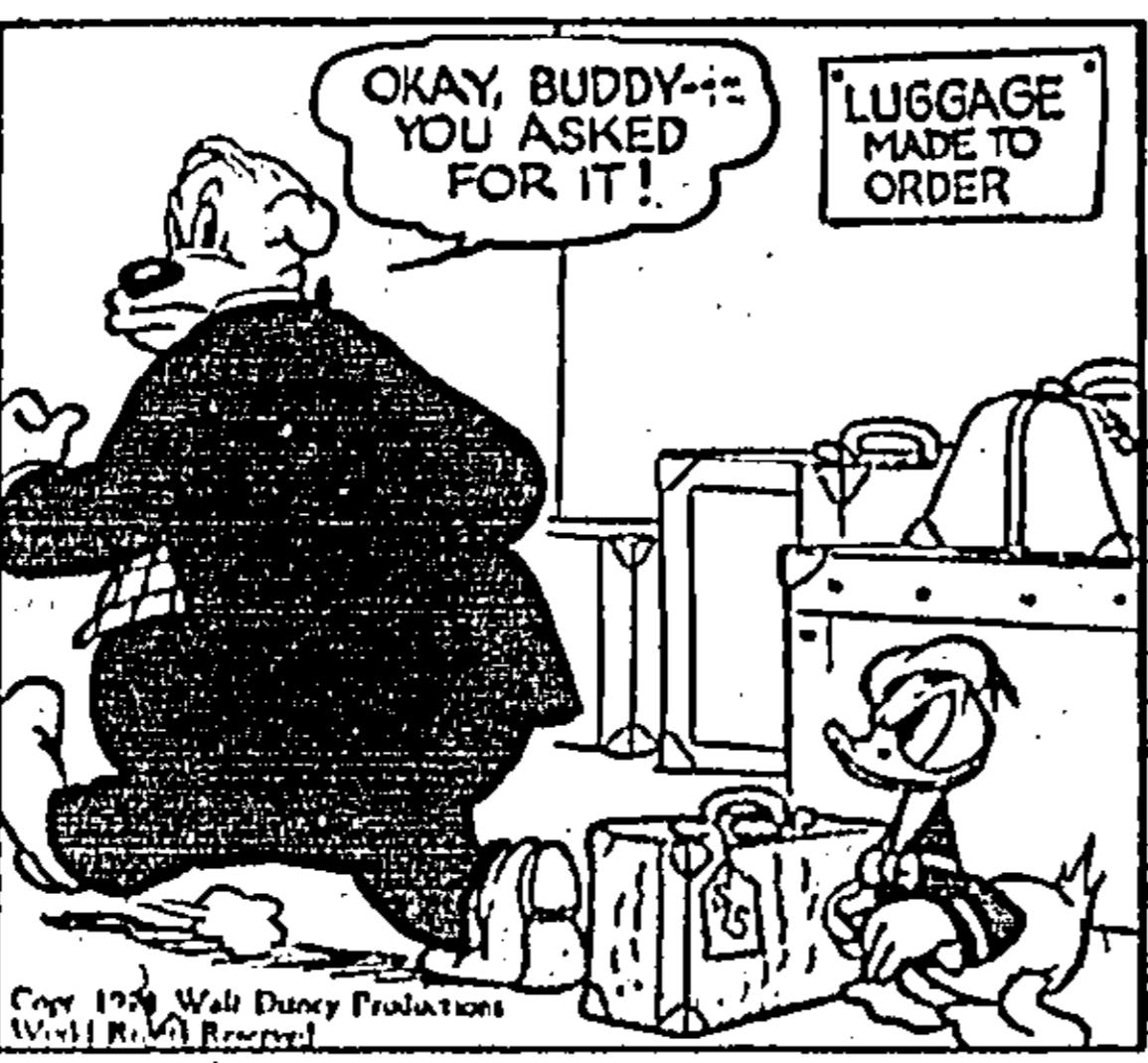
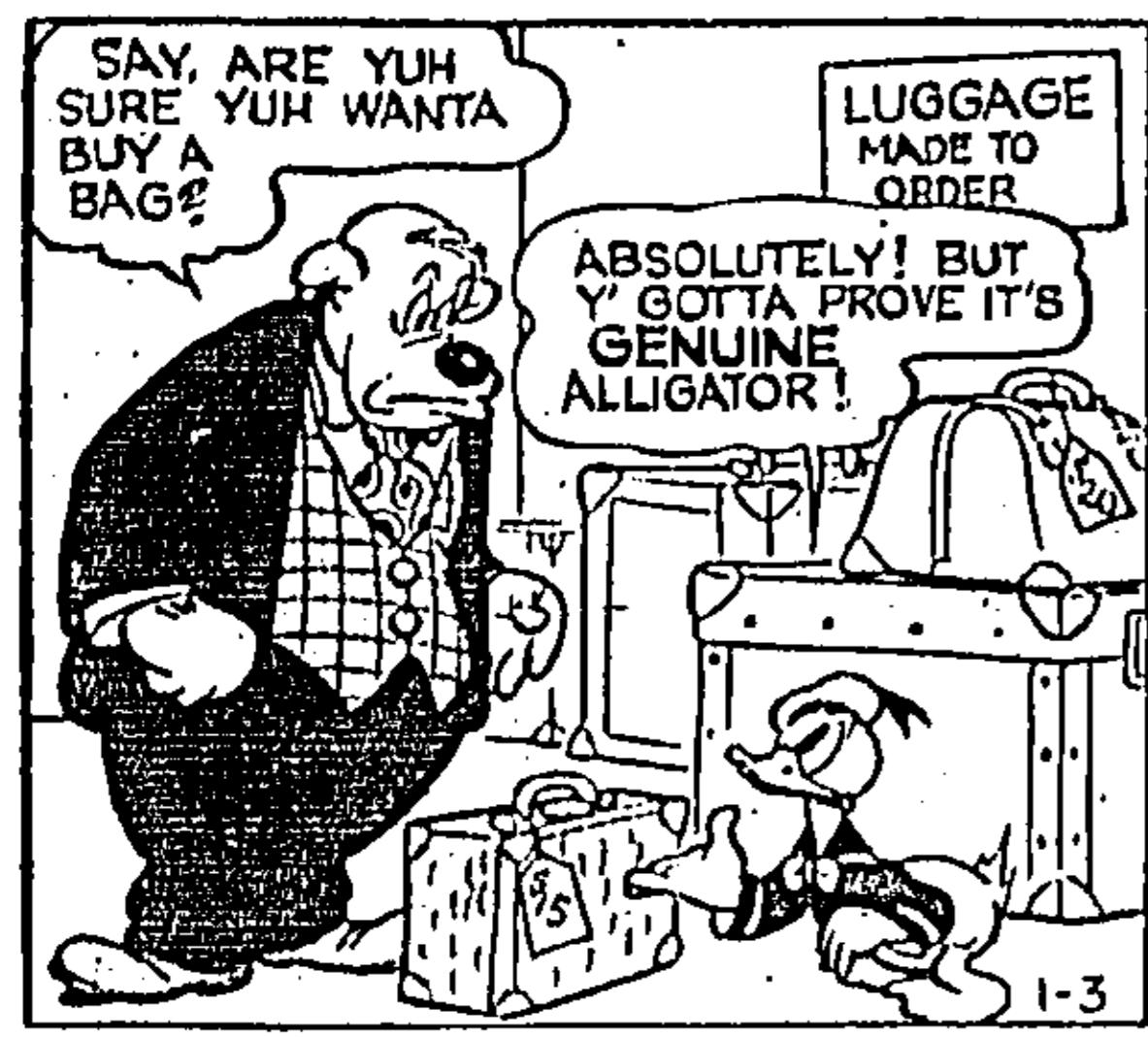
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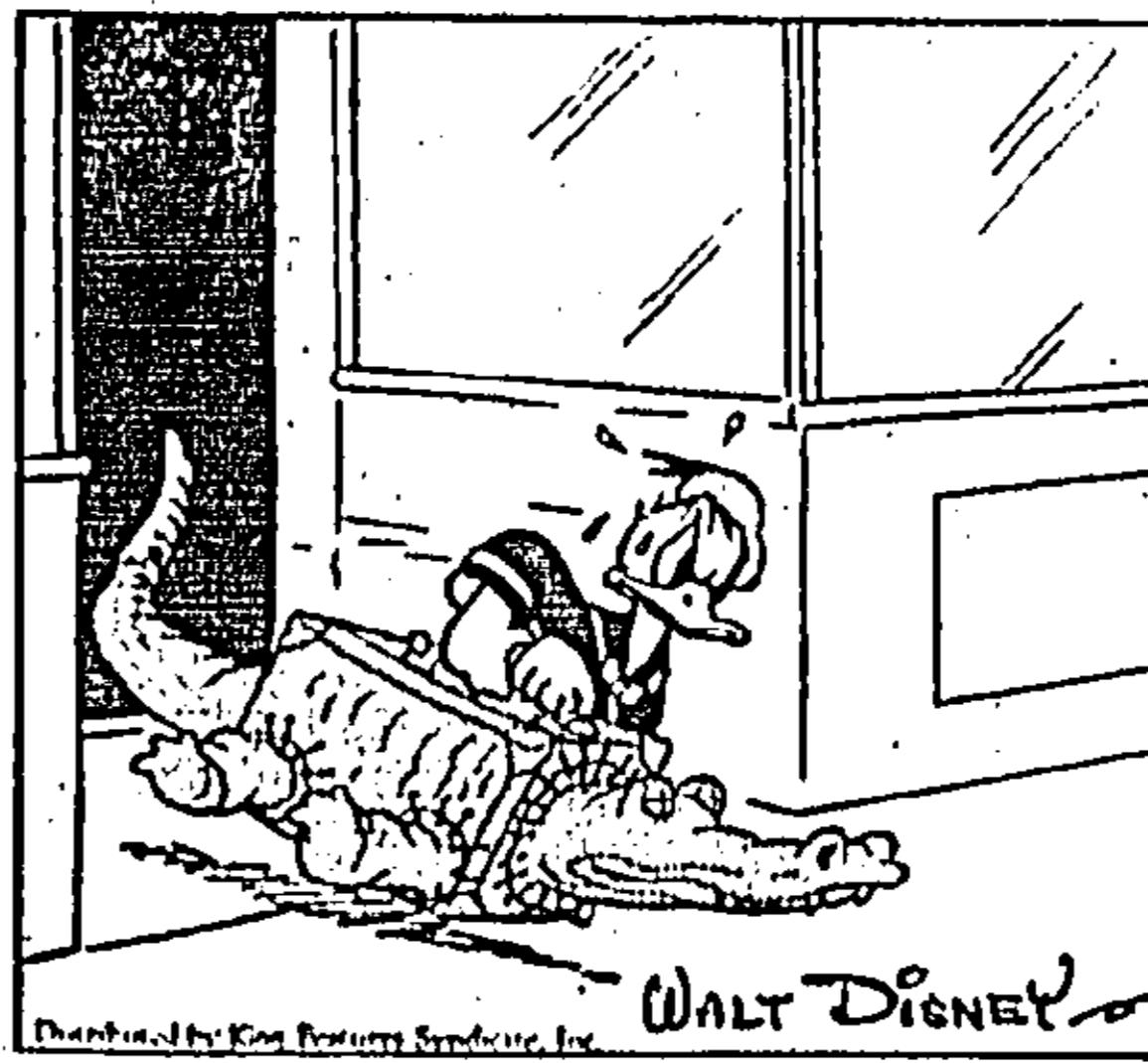
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White Eagle, chief of the Algonquin Indians, has arrived in England. He came with the second contingent of Canadians. He answers to the name of Supper P. J. Bennett, and has given up his bow and arrow for a bayonet. (See picture on right.) He fought in the last war.

That, I understand, is the effect of the agreement reached between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers during their talks at Venice.

It is regarded as doubtful whether the Italian end of the Rome-Berlin Axis could stand the strain, if Russia should attack Rumania and still retain Germany's friendship.

There is little hope, as far as can be seen here, of an early agreement between Hungary and Rumania on the Transylvanian question.

Reinforcements of Rumanian troops are, in fact, reported to have been sent to the Transylvanian border.

Reports that a formidable Franco-British colonial army, commanded by General Weygand, would go to Rumania's assistance if she were attacked, are also taken as a sign that King Carol will stay out of a Balkan bloc.

According to news agency reports from Budapest, a defensive military alliance was arranged between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

In Rome, however, the reports were described as a rather sensational phrasing of Italy's willingness to support Hungary.



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These are the drastic terms of an order issued by Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of German Poland.

Germans and, in special cases, Ukrainians need only report that they have wireless sets in their possession.

The decree is obviously aimed at the

Polish language broadcasts from France and Britain.

They are having a considerable effect.

A German commandant admitted that small parties of Polish young men were regularly making their way to the western countries to enlist by way of the Baltic States.

Meanwhile, rigorous precautions are being taken against the formation of rebel detachments in the occupied territory itself.

**G.P.U. HUNT FOR SOCIALISTS**

PARIS.

INTENSIFICATION of political persecution in Eastern Poland—occupied by Soviet troops—is reported by refugees who left Lwow recently.

Socialists, both Polish, of the Polish Socialist Party (P.P.S.), and Jewish, of the "Bund," are the worst sufferers.

Socialist leaders of non working-class origin are hunted down with special bitterness by the G.P.U.

Former deputy Arthur Hauser, leader of the Lwow P.P.S.; Zygmunt Pietrowski, general secretary of the Workers' University; MM. Mistek, president of the Railwaymen's Union,

and Frylowski and Bator secretaries of the union are among the arrested.

The entire executive committee of the Stanislaw district party organisation was deported to Russia.

The peasant leader Gruska is also under arrest.

Martial law has been in force all over the occupied area since the beginning of the Finnish campaign.

On the other side of the Soviet-German demarcation line political persecution began in earnest after the Gestapo had taken over from the military authorities.

The Socialist leader Niedzialkowski, editor of "Robotnik," is reported to have been arrested, as well as the Peasant Party chairman, Rataj, ex-Speaker of the Polish Parliament.

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1 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

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1.15 Dance Music by Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard."

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Swing Music.

7 London Relay—"Pictures in the Fire."

Major J. T. Gorman on Military Traditions and Customs; Music by the Welsh Guards.

7.30 London Relay—The News, 8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.23 Sidney Torch at the Organ.

8.33 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Yunnan" by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

9.03 De Falla—"Three Cornered Hat" Suite.

New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.20 London Relay—"Vito La France."

The first of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.

9.45 Interlude.

Martial Moments (arr. Aubrey Winter)...The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

9.50 Puccini's "La Tosca" Acts II and III.

Singers in order of appearance:

Apollo Granforte (Baritone); Giovanni Azimonti (Bass); Nello Palai (Tenor); Carmen Melis (Soprano); Piero Pauli (Tenor) and Giuseppe Bottini (Boy Soprano); with the Orchestra of La Scala, Milan, conducted by Carlo Sabogno.

11 London Relay—"Background to the News."

11.15 Close Down.

**Battle Near Nanning**Chungking, Feb. 28.

After three days' fighting along the highway north-east of Nanning, the Japanese have been repulsed and the Chinese are approaching Santang, 10 miles north-east of Nanning, according to a Chinese despatch from Liuchow.

Following the general withdrawal of Japanese troops from the Pingyang and Wuming areas in the direction of Nanning a fortnight ago, the Japanese at Santang suddenly launched attacks against Chinese positions north-east of Nanning on February 24, probably with the intention of consolidating their defences round the town. The attack reached great intensity on the following day when, it is estimated, 3,000 Japanese, assisted by 20 field guns and many aircraft, renewed their onslaught. Heavy fighting ensued but by February 26 the attack was repulsed, with the Japanese falling back on Nanning.

By the same night the Chinese approaching Santang and the contending forces were holding relatively the same positions as before the Japanese attack on February 24.

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**The End of Hitler's Rule**

By DON IDDON,

New York. HERR FRITZ THYSSEN, the exiled German steel magnate and industrialist, one of the men who financed Hitler but who fled to Switzerland in November, believes the Nazi rule is doomed.

In an interview with Herbert Matthews, *New York Times* correspondent in Locarno, published in the *New York Times*, Herr Thyssen insisted that he was going back to Germany sooner or later. At the same time he stressed his opposition to the present regime.

**Hindenburg Did Not Know**

Matthews says: "It was quite clear that Thyssen felt that President Hindenburg would never have put Hitler in power if he had known what the result was going to be."

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**Frau Denies "Lied Like Churchill"**

AMSTERDAM. A citizen of Dordrecht, says the *Westfriesche Land Zeitung*, told his wife in the course of a quarrel that she had written *Churchill* to him. The wife indignantly took her husband to court. He was fined for the "insult."

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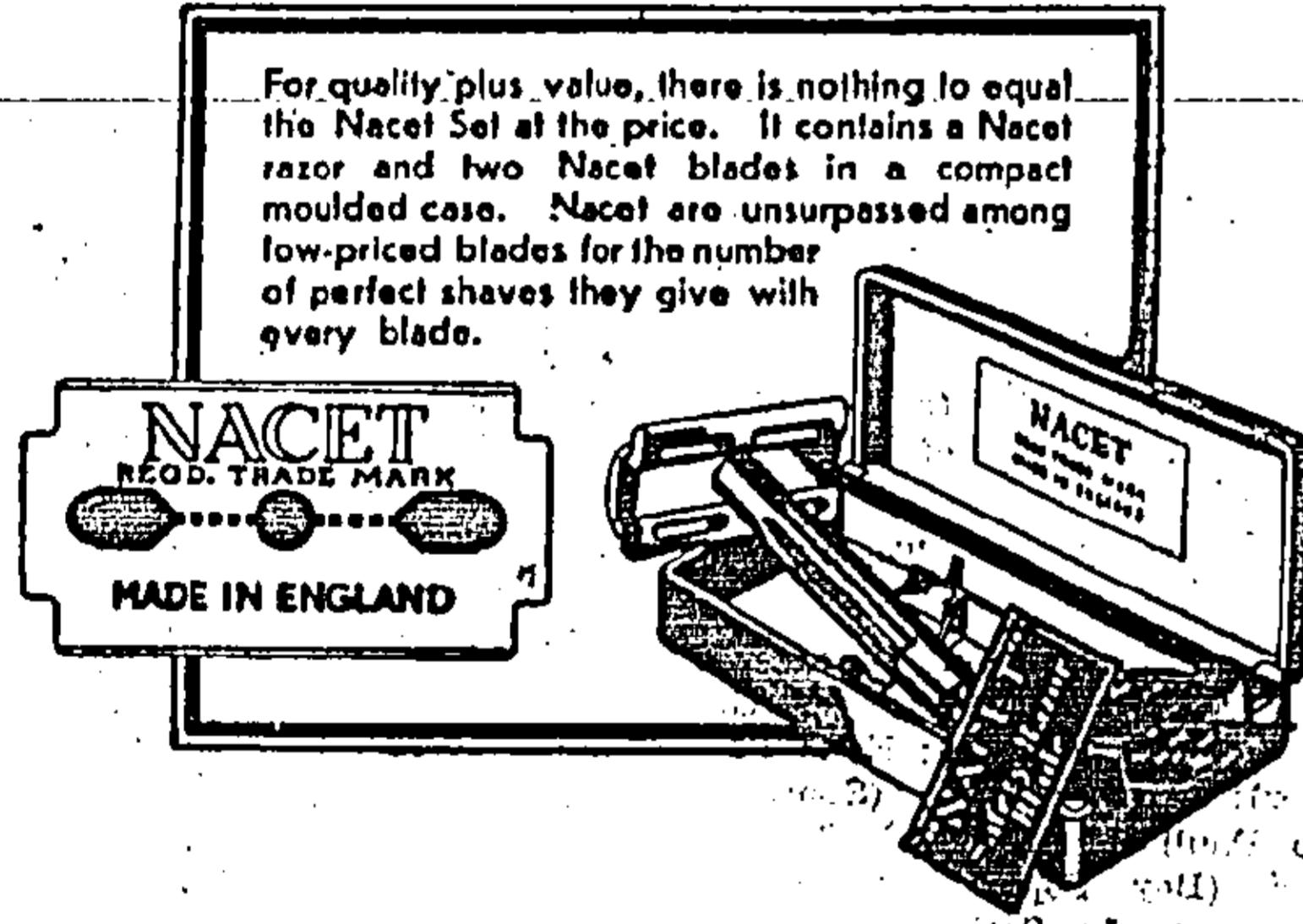
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Winston Churchill

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Churchill was making his first speeches as a Liberal and gaining the confidence that returned him to the House of Commons as a Minister. Much has happened since to politics and to Mr. Churchill.

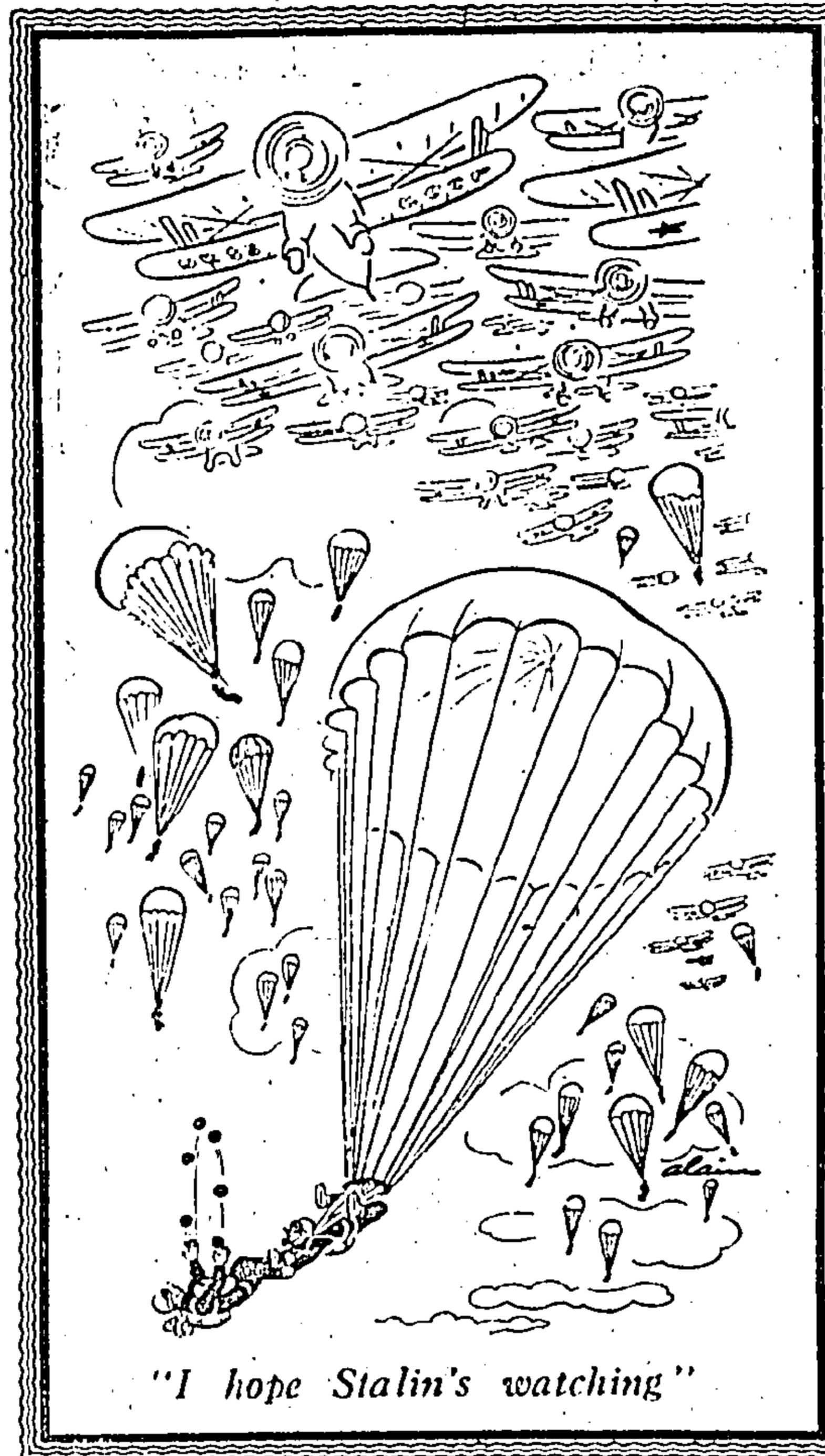
There are probably few who on looking back over his long career would claim that he has always been right. There are some who have so profound a mistrust of his judgment that they bring to everything he says a mind full of suspicion. But that he stands out among public men as a man of character, of initiative, of independence, and of tenacity, nobody will deny. And he has at this moment a very special claim to public confidence. Month after month during the fatal drift of Western policy, when our realists were talking of "composing" all the troubles of the world by appeasement, when the Nazi rulers were presented to us as harmless men justly sensitive about the treatment Germany had received but essentially reasonable and good-hearted, when we let our defences rust and our diplomacy dream, Mr. Churchill was warning the nation that these were illusions, and illusions for which mankind would one day pay a terrible penalty.

About his campaign for collective security there was something of the character of Gladstone's campaign against Disraeli's Eastern policy in the seventies. For Mr. Churchill saw in one case, as Mr. Gladstone saw in the other, that the choice for his country was ultimately, however the truth might for the moment be disguised under soothing phrases, the choice between upholding tyranny and defending freedom. Can anybody deny that, if the two Western Governments had listened to him the world would wear to-day a very different face?

Mr. Churchill, who, alone among men holding high office to-day, held high office in the last war, devoted most of his grave and sober eloquence in yesterday's speech in the House of Commons to encouraging and steeling the spirit of the nation. He analysed the elements of our strength on which we can draw if we know how to use them to conserve them, and to develop them. But he made it plain that we must be ready for greater exertions than those we have made so far, and his description of the efforts that are needed was evidently intended to shake the false optimism that is so easily induced by the unnatural conditions under which this war is being waged.

Mr. Churchill closed his speech by reference to the "sophistry" of the neutrals at the slaughter of their own people by Germany's sea warfare. In a world accustomed by the cinema to spectacular sensations, hardened by the numbing power of terrible events, some are slow to realise what is happening in all its truth. At this moment the area swept by war in Europe is much less than the area

# He might break through . . . but he couldn't afford to



## Life in a British Internment Camp

THE STAPPO terror of Dachau and Buchenwald . . . you know all about that, following the Government's publication of the White Paper on Nazi tortures in concentration camps.

For the other side of the picture, come with me to one of Britain's internment camps. No tortures, no brotherly Socialism at all!

Class A B chaps are grouped into classes "A" and "B"—the Class A internees being people of some social standing who can't be expected to mix with mere proletarian internees. In fact, you can very clearly see from the "guests" here that National Socialism has bred more militant snobbishness, and is, not brotherly Socialism at all!

Class B chaps are grouped as batmen. Class A gents pay 4s. Od. a day if they can afford it, and get slightly better food. The colonel, quiet and kindly, is trying to instill some British public-school spirit into these bullet-headed Teutons. It isn't easy.

"Camp," of course, is a misnomer. The internment centre consists of several very solid buildings—you would be amazed if I could describe where the place is.

There's no secrecy, as there is at Dachau. The internees are allowed to write home to Germany, though in view of San evacuations only 40 per cent. of the letters reach their destination. However, they're allowed to write two letters a week each. Of course, they're censored, and are posted together with a printed slip in German advising relatives what they must not say in reply, for fear of upsetting Gestapo censors. There's service for you!

Each German as he arrives, after inspection by the military tribunal, has his identification papers checked, is given a brief medical test, and after his luggage is examined, he is served with his issue of mattress, pillow, bolster, and four blankets.

"Most of his own personal stuff is allowed to keep, but only one razor blade and no sharp cutting instrument such as scissars or nail-clippers.

For the present, visits from relatives are absolutely barred. Interviews with solicitors are allowed within the night (but not hearing) of officers, and they have to check and censor all parcels arriving through neutral countries.

Internees can buy their newspapers from the canteen, and can supplement their ordinary food rations if they want to with tinned food and sweets. Few do, however, as the rations are adequate.

The men are allowed to smoke all day, eight, up till "lights out" at 10.00, and are rapidly getting used to English cigarettes, which, the Class A

PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

THE myth of the Maginot Line—a section of which has now been taken over by British troops—is that it is impregnable. And a very dangerous delusion that is.

It certainly is not held by the French or the British staffs to say nothing of the German staff. Those students of military science understand very well the value of fortifications in modern warfare—and their limitations.

But the mass of the population in France believe that the Line cannot be broken. Many people here think so too. "On ne passe pas."

THERE lies a danger.

For if the Line were pierced by a German attack, the public in the two Allied countries would be dismayed in proportion to the confidence they had been taught to place in the invincible strength of the fortification. They might feel, in a wave of pessimism, that the great barrier between them and the Germans had been swept away.

That would be quite a mistake. The piercing of the Line would not mean defeat and the ending of the war, so long as the British and French armies were substantially intact. The effect on the ultimate course of the war would depend on the cost to Hitler in lives, tanks, airplanes, etc., of breaking through. That operation might well be so expensive that it brought about Hitler's ruin, just as the costly German attacks in the spring of 1918 led to the German crack-up in the autumn of that year.

But the effect on Allied morale might be big. It is unwise in war to pin too high hopes on the holding of one's front.

LET us talk some common sense about the Maginot Line.

It is a very formidable zone of fortifications designed by the best military engineers in the world, the French. But it is like other fortifications. It can be taken. And that goes for the Siegfried Line too.

The world is littered with the ruins of "impregnable" fortifications. These ruins still show the breach in the invincible walls through which the assailants poured to victory.

Some British soldiers in France at this moment may be passing one celebrated British military monument of the Middle Ages. It is one of the masterpieces of medieval fortification.

They will see an imposing ruin on a rocky height. Cliffs, surmounted by tremendous walls. They may wonder if—and how—it was taken by soldiers who had no artillery or big explosives or even rifles.

Their admiration will be shared by the royal builder, Richard Coeur de Lion, who, clapping eyes on it for the first time, exclaimed in delight: "It's a saucy child, my year-old castle."

So it got its name, Saucy Castle—Chateau Gaillard.

Three years later, the French laid siege to it. After eight months' work by their engineers, Chateau Gaillard fell.

It might be far from being knocked out. But, in theory, it would recover too late. The battle would have moved on. The mechanised army would be thrusting at X itself, hoping to turn chaos into paralysis at that nerve centre.

This is to oversimplify the German problem a great deal. But it is a rough statement of the thing in the tempo of modern war, where the initial stage of the attack moves at perhaps 15 m.p.h. (speed of a heavy tank) and the later stages at up to 30 m.p.h. (speed of a light tank).

This compares with the tempo of the last war, which depended in all stages, on the 2 m.p.h. of the tramping soldier.

The possible depth of an attack in those days depended on the physique of the footslogger. Now, it depends on the refuelling of petrol-driven vehicles.

AND that might be the real problem before the German generals. Their mechanised forces might after a few hours be stranded with empty petrol tanks. Could those tanks be filled?

In any case, nobody need suppose that any attack on the Western Front could ever be a repetition of the Polish cake-walk.

The Allied Command is well aware of the German theories of war, and, no doubt, has its plans ready. German losses would be horrifying. But it is just as well to get rid of the idea that the Maginot Line cannot, in any circumstances, be broken. And that if we lose it we lose all.

For two reasons Hitler might, in the spring, decide to gamble on an attack on the Line:

(1) Psychological effect, especially in France.

(2) Command of the Lorraine iron ore fields.

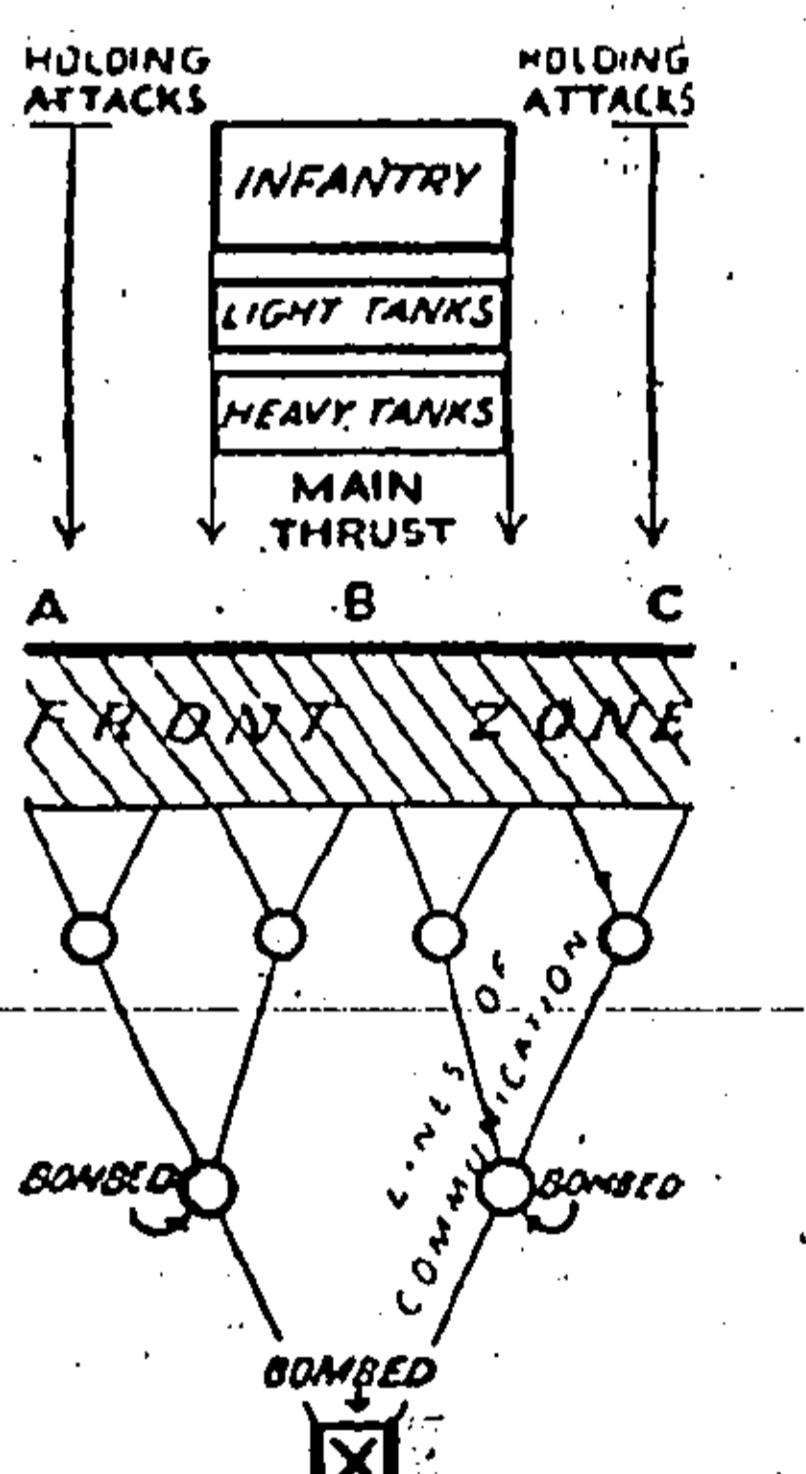
by Charles Richardson

ahead, without being too anxious about their flanks, they believe that they can create a chaos among the nerve-centres of the hostile army that will be reflected in a confusion and impotence of its front-line forces.

The further behind the front that the attacked nerve centre lies the wider the length of front that may be disorganized through the paralysis of that centre. And in the mechanised army and the bomber the Germans think they have the means of paralysing those centres.

THE proposition is being pressed as a diagram:

By the heavy bombing of centres X, Y and Z the Germans would hope to break communications, prevent reinforcement and promote confusion over an area wider than the front of







NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

## BOOKS

## All-talent Anthology

WRITERS cannot afford to be charitable as a rule. But three books issued this Christmas have been written and illustrated by men and women who have agreed to hand all or most of their royalties to deserving charities.

The best of them is called 'Rose Window' (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.). It is a book of short stories, poems and plays by such writers as Noel Coward, Linklater, De La Mare, Priestley, Helen Simpson and many others.

Coward's playlet 'Star Chamber' and George Preedy's short play 'The Last of Casanova' are brilliantly entertaining. This excellent anthology by 25 authors is issued on behalf of St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

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**THE QUEEN'S BOOK OF THE RED CROSS** (Hodder and Stoughton, 5s.) is not so well up, but it is equally full of free talent. Macmillan, E. W. Munn, Walpole, Daphne du Maurier, Arthur Wragg, Brangwyn, Edmund Dulac, Mabel Lucy Attwell, Ivor Novello, and almost anyone else you can think of.

THIRDLY, there is the 'Brighter Broadcast Book' by Howard Thomas (George Allen and Unwin, 5s.), published for the 'Daily Sketch' War Relief Fund. This has games, puzzles, bits out of books, sing-song programs, pastimes and altogether a lot of entertainment.

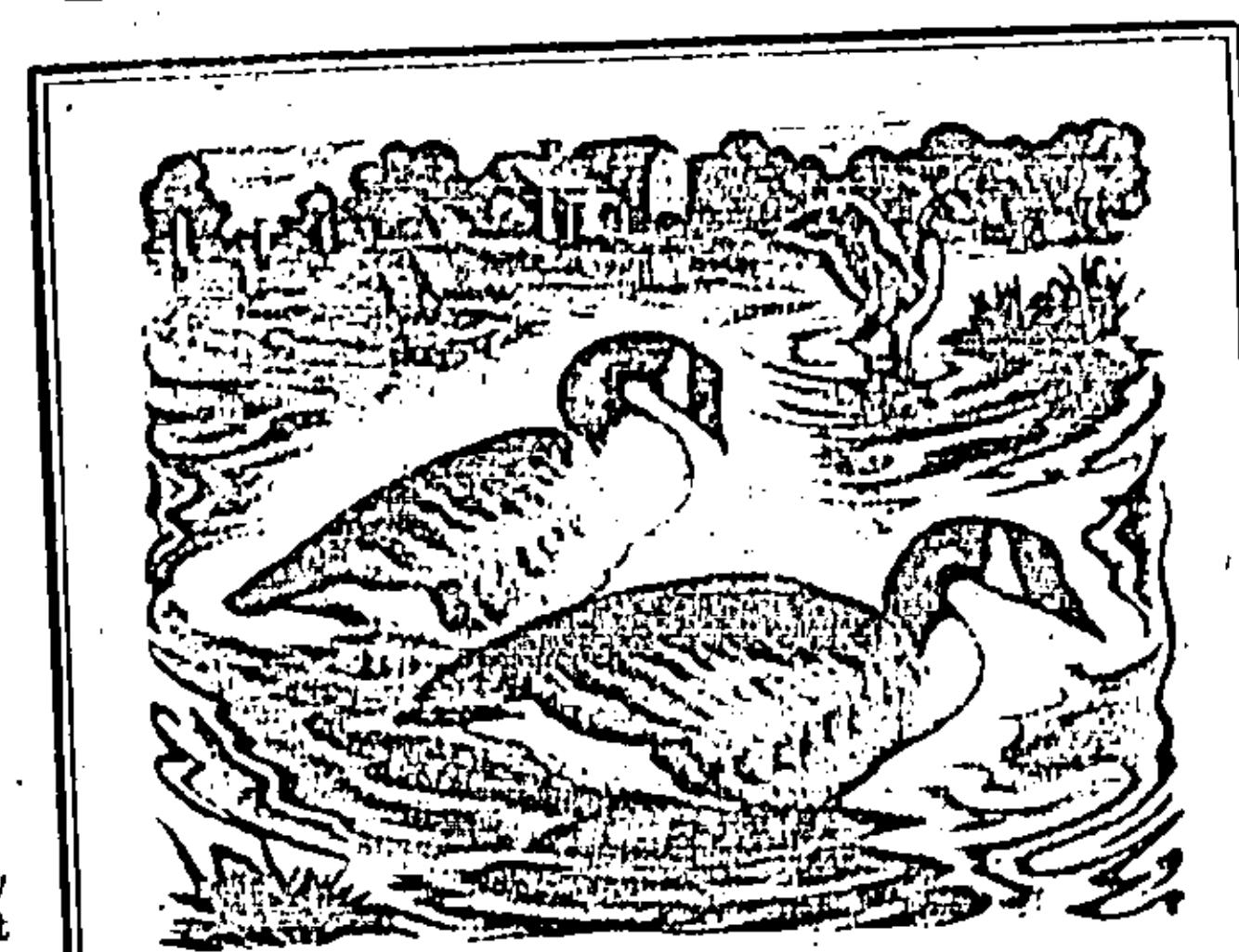
SCRAPPY reading of another kind is provided by Mr. George Rylands in a very fine and satisfying Shakespeare anthology entitled 'The Ages of Man' (Heinemann, 7s. 6d.). It has some 700 extracts, fit easily into the pocket, and is a treasure-store not only of continually surprising beauty, but also of entertainment.

Because part of the fun is trying to guess what each extract is a question to. The sources are given at the end of this very lovely book. S. F.

## FACTS AGAINST HITLER

NAZI propaganda in this country is well countered by a small three-penny booklet, Hitler's British Burea, published by War Facts Press, 140, Fleet-street, E.C.4.

In this collection of 'Fifty Facts,' we have a scathing exposure of all that Hitlerism stands for—statement and



One of many charming wood engravings in Down the River, by H. E. Bates and Agnes Miller Parker (Gollancz 6s.).

## Science with a Sting

PROFESSOR LANCELOT HOGGENHEIM'S thoughts are like the nettle danger—they are liable to sting! But they can be clutched to better purpose than Chamberlain's nettle.

Indeed, 'Dangerous Thoughts' (George Allen and Unwin, 6s. 6d.) can be accounted one of the really important books of 1939, if no more so because it confronts us with such endangering democracy as minatory as war itself.

As a 'scientific humanist,' he deals with the politics of the Age of Plenty, analysing the Marxists by a critical analysis of Marxist 'theology,' criticising the Labour Party with a frankness which will do no harm and should do a lot of good, and generally lays about him to good purpose.

Perhaps the most salutary essay in the collection is that which deals with the politics of the Middle Classes. This is a piece of clear and masterly thinking, in contrast to the effete attitude of the Marxists—and the difficult approach of the Labour Party to this problem. He shows how they can be

## Arms and the Peer

GREAT BRITAIN'S determination to disarm after the war of 1914-18 was a point of honour. Unfortunately the Treaty makers made it possible for other nations to arm and re-arm.

That seems to be the key to Lord Rothermere's 'My Fight to Rearm Britain' (Eyre and Spottiswoode, 5s.).

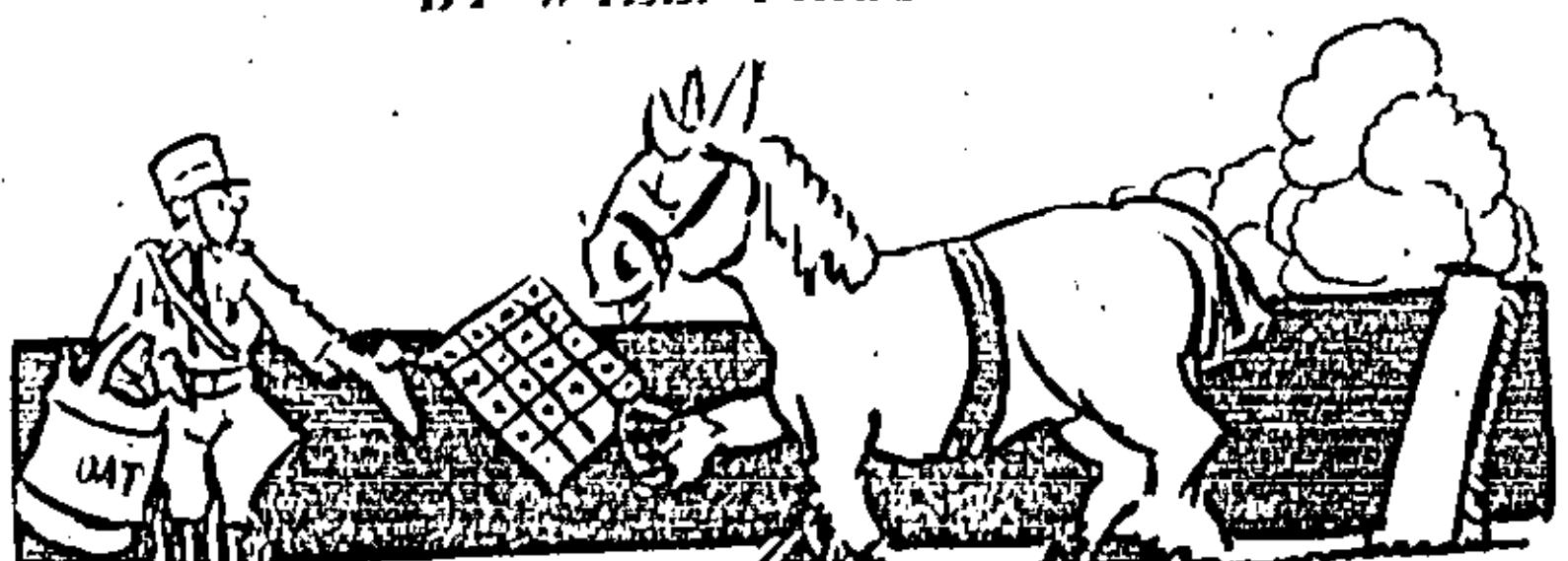
But Lord Rothermere, as persistent a fighter for arms as his older brother, Northcliffe, confesses that, in his own mind, he has never been easy about British disarmament.

And he insists that, whatever terms of peace are made, Britain must always be 'strong enough to prevent such reversions in future years.'

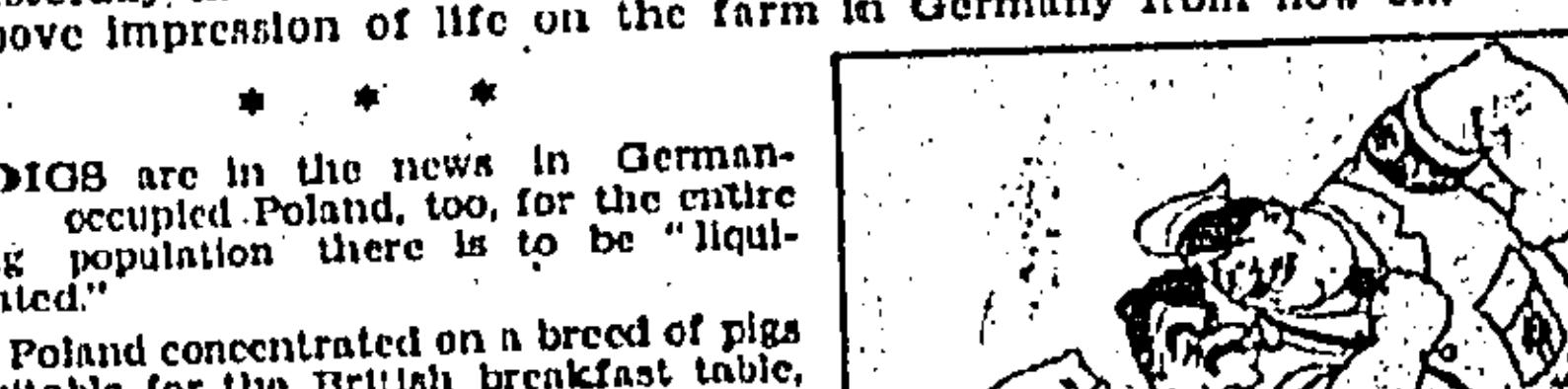
Stuart Fletcher

## INSIDE GERMANY

BY WILLI FRISCHAUER



RATION cards for horses, cattle and pigs are to be introduced immediately in Germany, according to an official announcement made yesterday in Berlin. T. H. (News with a Smile) Palmer has drawn the above impression of life on the farm in Germany from now on.



PIGS are in the news in German-occupied Poland, too, for the entire pig population there is to be 'liquidated.'

Poland concentrated on a breed of pigs suitable for the British breakfast table, but their bacon is not liked in Germany.

So the whole 7,500,000 of them are to be slaughtered and replaced by honest Teutonic porkers.

THE German rationing system for humans is undergoing almost daily changes. These are so carried out as to make it appear that the rations are steadily increasing.

Yet a careful examination of the changes shows that though potatoes and some other well-rationed vegetables are being forced on the public in increased quantities, the amount of rationed food-stuffs is becoming smaller every week.

By the end of this month an entirely new schedule of rationed food-stuffs and quantities available will be issued.

SPINACH, pudding with horse-radish sauce appeared among 40 new dishes exhibited at an experimental kitchen in Berlin. In this connection I reproduce the above cartoon from 'De Groot's Amsterdam. It is called 'Bleatings of Neutrality,' and Holland seems to be getting the worst of it. But Mr. Chamberlain, in the guise of Robespierre, is holding the tin labeled 'Stronger Blockade Spinach.' Berlin is too late with its spinach pudding now.

## RADIO REUNITES REFUGEES

LONDON—Radio help from London is being given refugees on the European mainland.

Shortly after the outbreak of war the British Broadcasting Corporation broke its long-recognized rule of not broadcasting 'Listeners' Letters.' Apprised by the Polish Embassy, the B.B.C. agreed that good service could be rendered to refugees whose families had been broken up and their members scattered and lost sight of. Messages broadcast now average 75 a day, and more than 2,500 names have been broadcast at the end of each day's evening news in Polish.

A typical letter reads, "Your messages giving the names of Polish refugees are rendering the most valuable service. A cousin of mine who is being interned in a camp in Hungary heard my name mentioned in your bulletin. He wrote a letter to me that he is alive in Hungary. It was a big joy to..." Passages

## ROME EXCLUDES THE JEW

ROME, Feb. 20 (Reuter)—From March 1 Jews will be excluded from most professions such as that of journalists, doctors, chemists, lawyers, accountants and engineers.

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men buy from the canteen at the rate of about 10 a day.

For their benefit they have formed a committee to pool library books, lend money to comrades in need, represent their interests, and report any serious complaints to the commandant. So far there have been none.

SEVERAL Germans who have passed on to other camps, or have been subsequently released from internment, have professed most courteous thanks for their treatment. One or two used to go around giving the Nazi salute in a luke-warm fashion, and "Heil!" sotto voce, but they have dropped all this ridiculous pantomime now, and some indeed take great pains to return all gestures with an ordinary British salute.

I personally think she is rather nice to look at, but for the faddy open-lover the difficulty can be avoided by getting these records which do her magnificent voice full justice.

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Each day starts early. Reveille is at 7.00 a.m. and by roll-call 45 minutes later the men must be washed, dressed, and have tidied up their bunks.

There are technical punishments for slackers, but to the credit of internees there has not yet been any bother. Certain men are given leave of absence from roll-call on a doctor's ticket, but the general health level of the charges since being in the camp is most satisfactory.

Breakfast at 8.30, nearly always

consists of a pint of tea, a large

chunk of new bread (baked in the

camp's own ovens), a meat pie or

pot of porridge, and a big pat of

margarine. You certainly wouldn't call this prison diet.

There are light fatigues after

breakfast—dusting, tidying up,

but no scrubbing, or rough work—

and at 10.30 there is the morning's

camp inspection by the Commandant himself.

There is not a military parade. The Colonel usually has a cheery word here and there, and then the internees split up for their morning exercises. They are free to talk as much as they like, but, of course, if any heated political arguments were to develop it would be the guards' duty to break up the party.

Dinner is served at 12.30—menu

usually being meat pie, hash or fish,

followed by fruit pie and a pint of

cocoa, with bread and margarine.

Ten at 4.30 is the last official meal of the day—it is really a light supper—but the men have formed their own little supper-clubs, buy stuff from the canteen (no alcohol, of course), and over sweets and cigarettes talk about the days that may be, and the future that may be.

Time will begin to hang heavily on

their hands after a few more months

of war, but at present most of the men read, borrowing books from the camp library.

L. O. Manners.

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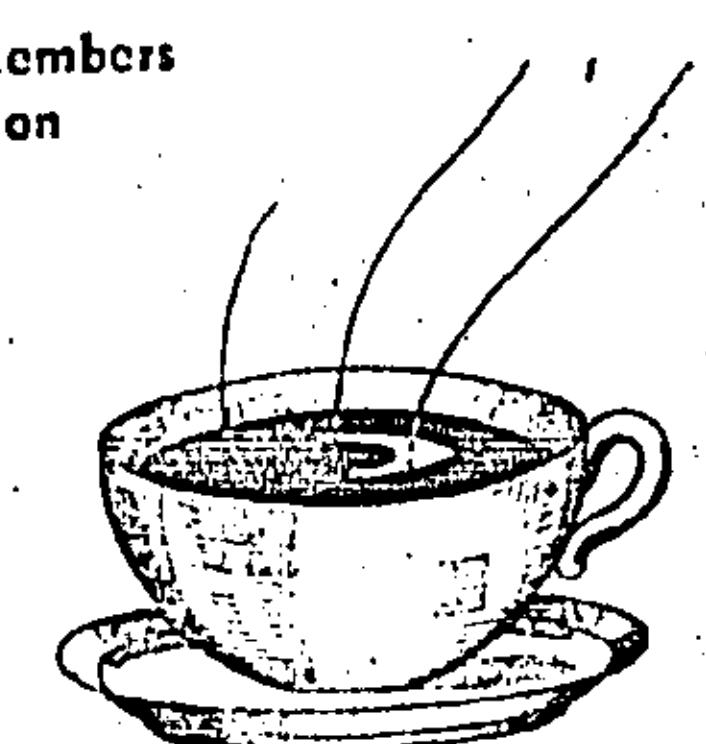
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One man was suffocated to death and two received gun-shot wounds during a piracy two miles south of Wuguan, Chinese waters, on February 24. Cargo worth \$13,748 was stolen.

A report by Wong Chung, master, says that with a cargo of rice, kerosene, matches, cloth, beans, flour and medicine, he left Shantou for San Mei and when south of Wuguan three pirates armed with automatic pistols, held up the 30 passengers and, with the crew, tied them up in the hold.

The robbers fired several rounds and two passengers were wounded. Fifteen minutes later a junk approached and the prisoners were freed.

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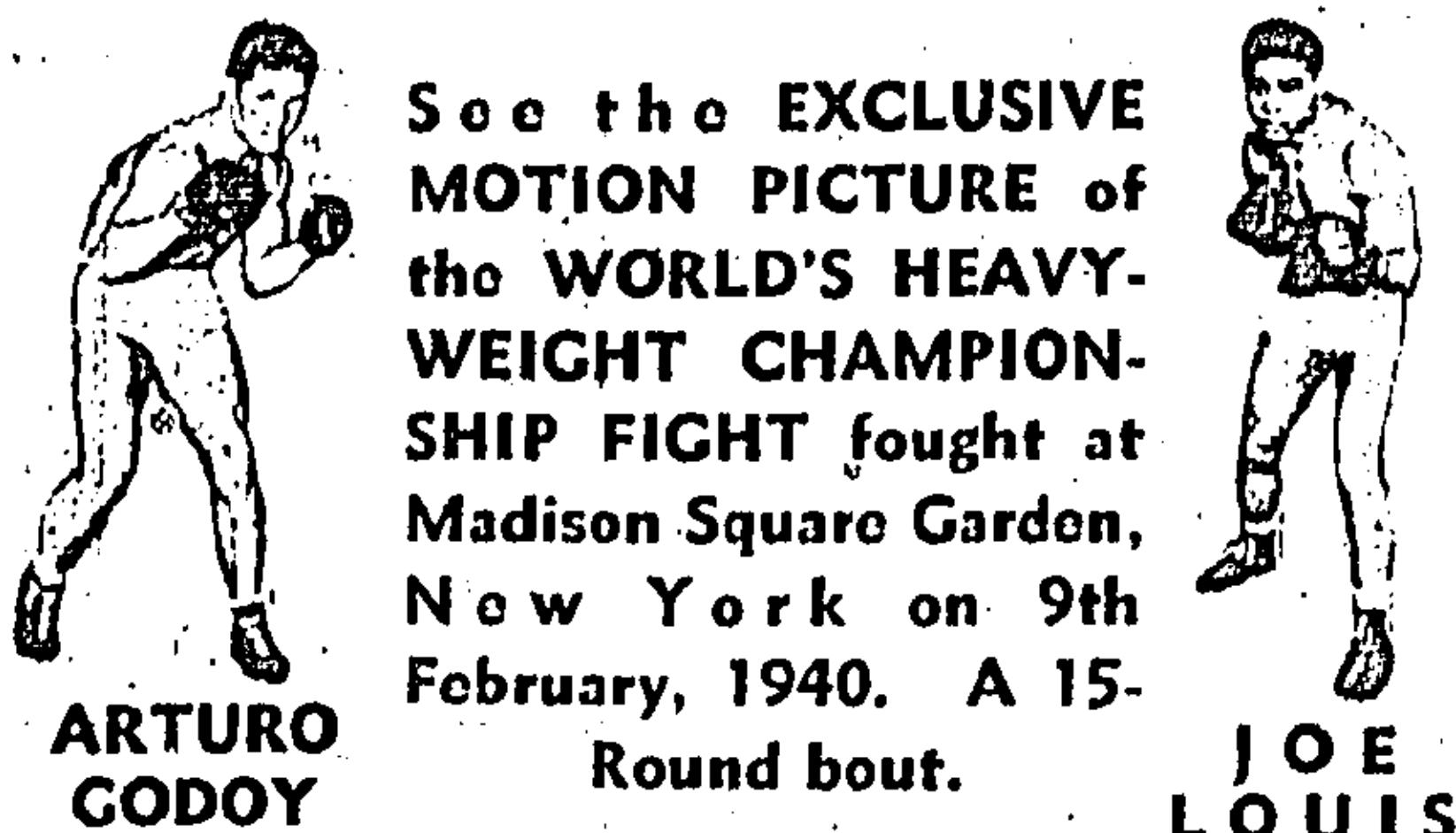
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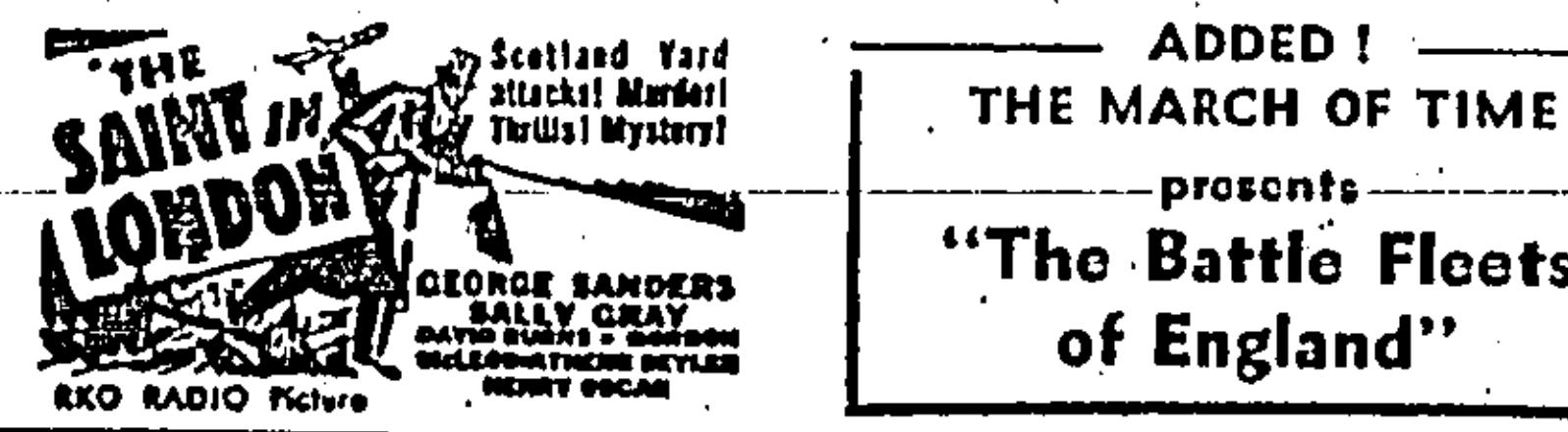


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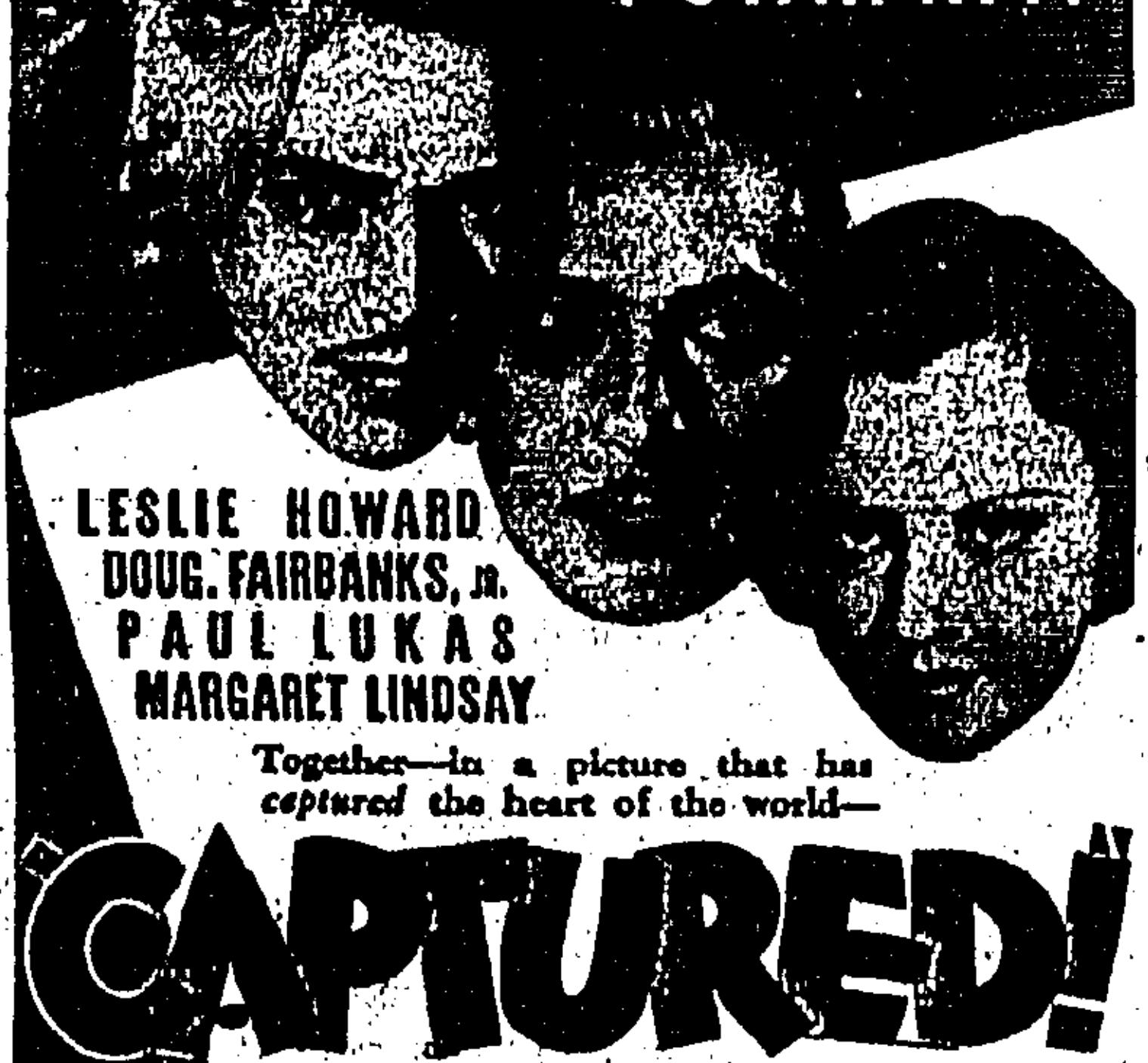
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SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

### SPY STORY AS "NAZI FACT"

A spy novel of the last war has provided Goering with documentary evidence of the "crimes" committed by the British Intelligence Service. Under the heading, "Confession of a British Agent," his newspaper, the National Zeitung, prints as fact one of the more colourful episodes in Somerset Maugham's tale "Ashenden."

"The Mualem attempt and the numerous acts of sabotage during the past few weeks in Rumania and Yugoslavia have drawn attention to the British Secret Service in a manner which it must find very unwelcome," says the newspaper. "Yet there is no lack of books about this secret organisation of criminals. For among those who have taken part in it there are not a few who are actually proud of their criminal activities."

"One of these is the English author, Somerset Maugham, who in a book called "Ashenden," discloses 'some experiences of a very insignificant member of the Intelligence Department.' Among these experiences is a murder—in which, incidentally, the wrong person is killed by mistake—and an act of sabotage by which a factory in what was then Austrian Galicia was blown up, causing the death of many workmen."

The National Zeitung adds that the "report of this latter incident is of special interest in view of the similar crimes recently committed in the Balkans. There follows an extract, occupying nearly half a page, describing an interview between Ashenden and a Polish agent.

"Ashenden" was published in 1928. The story has been made into a film under the title of "Secret Agent."

#### Badges for Troops

Gen. von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, has instituted a new decoration, to be known as the "assault badge." It will be awarded to non-motorised infantry of all ranks who distinguish themselves in attacks.

The corresponding decoration for armoured units will be the "armoured car badge."

#### War Tax on Wages

As a concession to wage-earners, the German Finance Minister, Herr Funk, has decreed that overtime pay shall no longer be liable to the special war surtax. This is, however, still levied on all basic wages of 50s. weekly and above. In addition, ordinary income-tax is payable on both wages and overtime pay.

A worker earning 60s. weekly pays 7s. income-tax and 2s. 6d. super-tax. Where overtime pay is earned, income-tax rises steeply. A labourer whose basic wage is 50s. a week pays 10 per cent. in tax. If he earns an extra 8s. for working on a holiday or at night, this is taxed at the rate of 18 per cent.

#### Old Shoes Collected

Collections of old shoes and other discarded leather articles are being organised throughout the Reich. The Berlin correspondent of the Genoa newspaper, Lavoro, reports that a new process has been devised for making a leather substitute, which must, however, contain a certain proportion of the genuine article.

#### Europe Up-to-Date

Purchasers of a new atlas just published in Germany are disappointed

THE King, in a special list of awards issued as a supplement to the "London Gazette" gives recognition to courage, endurance and devotion to duty shown by officers and men of the Royal Navy in the war at sea.

Confined to personnel of the Services the list is as liberal to crews of the "little ships" of the R.N.R.—the trawlers and drifters which sweep mines and hunt U-boats—as it is to those who man the bigger vessels of the R.N.

The "little ship" men have done as much as any successfully to smash the Nazi menace beneath the sea.

The King has made the submarine Ursula the proudest of his fighting craft for the awards received by her complement (already announced but now officially gazetted) make them, by comparison, the most decorated in the Fleet.

Twelve names of Ursula men appear in the list—those of the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Commander G. C. Phillips, two lieutenants and seven ratings—who are decorated, and of a sub-lieutenant and a chief petty officer, who are mentioned in dispatches.

The exploit which gained these honours for the submarine thrilled the world.

Penetrating the Heligoland minefield known as "Hitler's submarine patch," she crept to the mouth of the Elbe and there sank a cruiser of the Kola class.

Six enemy destroyers screened the cruiser, but the Ursula dived beneath them, got a periscope sight of her victim and fired two torpedoes.

#### Destroyer Attacks Evaded

After skilfully evading attacks by four of the destroyers, the submarine rose impudently to the surface, and through her periscope saw two of the screening ships apparently searching for survivors.

There was no sign of the cruiser. Altogether, 200 names appear in the list.

Men in minelayers are decorated for untiring energy, zeal and devotion to their arduous duty."

Others of the Nelson breed gain awards with the official tribute: "For undaunted courage, steadfastness, coolness and resource in saving ships and life at sea in the face of peril and adversity."

Men who well earn their danger money in minesweepers, and others who fight Nazi underwater platoons, are gazetted for "undaunted courage, endurance and resource in their hard and perilous task of sweeping the seas clear of enemy mines and combating submarines."

#### For Cheerful Endurance

Awards gained in ships convoying Britain's foodstuffs are accompanied by these words: "For faithful devotion to the hazardous duty of

to find that the boundaries of the Fatherland do not extend beyond Bohemia and Moravia. The publishers have promised to send them, free of charge, a supplementary map showing the new eastern frontier.

"An atlas is an indispensable reference book for every German," says the Koelnischer Zeitung's reviewer, "more especially in these times, when nations are in motion to remove old political injustices and thereby to wipe out potential sources of conflict which have always been hindrance to peace."

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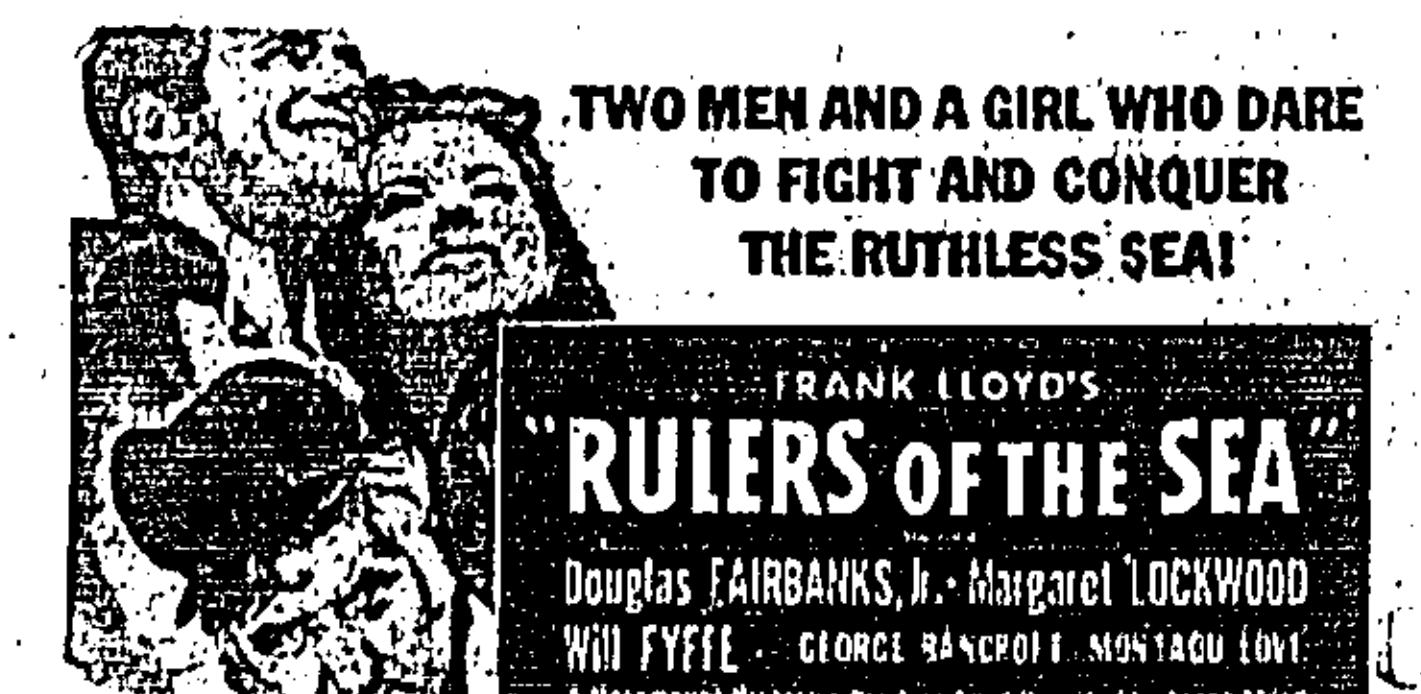
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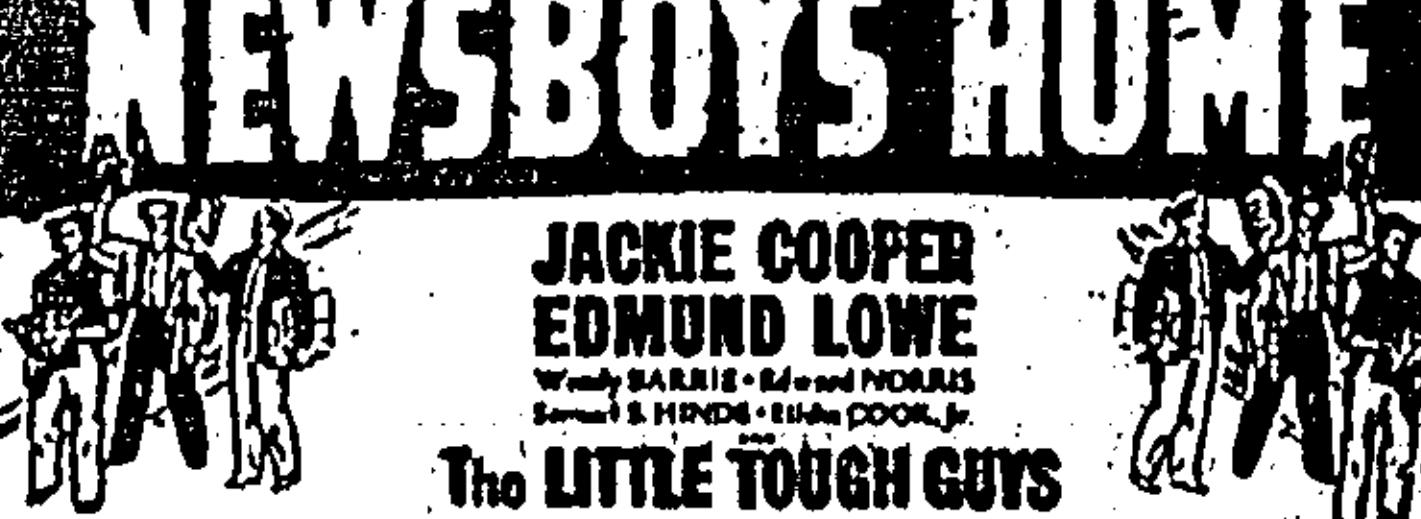
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# GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR RUINS OF FINNS' SECOND BIGGEST CITY

### THE DIGGERS LEAVE FOR EGYPT



HERE IS THE FIRST PHOTOGRAPH published in Hongkong of the Diggers—men of the 2nd Australian Expeditionary Force—embarking in Melbourne for Egypt. The Digger uniform is somewhat different to that worn by the Anzacs during the last war. Air Force Blue has been substituted for khaki, puttees have been abandoned and the famous plumed hat replaced by a balmoral. But despite these changes, the Digger still sticks to his cocked hat, which he carries over his shoulder and will wear during Active Service in Egypt and Palestine.—Domel.

Teheran To Hongkong—Mostly On Foot

### PARSEE'S AMAZING ADVENTURE

A SHANGHAI-BORN PARSEE who, determined to offer his services to China, set out to walk to Hongkong from far-off Teheran arrived in the Colony this week, foot-sore and weary.

He has travelled almost the entire distance overland.

The young patriot is named Belochi.

He was born in Shanghai 26 years ago, and was sent to Teheran by his parents just before war broke out between China and Japan.

Early in 1938 a friend wrote him a lengthy account of the war and he determined to return to offer his services to China.

But his father, a carpet merchant in Shanghai, refused to permit him to leave Teheran, and would advance no money for his passage.

Decided To Walk

Belochi decided to walk overland. He tramped to India, encountering considerable hardships en route.

From India he climbed the tortuous mountains into Tibet.

Two days after his arrival in Lhasa he was arrested for entering monastic grounds and was thrown into prison.

But he became friendly with a number of the lamas, and was able to prevail upon them to intercede for him.

After several weeks in prison he was released and deported back to Afghanistan, where he remained, because of ill-health, for several months.

Sets Off For Hanol

As soon as he recovered his health he set off again and walked to Calcutta. From there he was able to receive a free passage to Hongkong.

Belochi remained in the Colony for only 36 hours. He set off on foot again yesterday—for Hanol.

From there he hopes to hitch-hike his way by motor truck to Chungking. But if he can't get a lift, he'll walk.

### SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DRIVE ALONG GULF OF FINLAND

STOCKHOLM, FEB. 28 (REUTER).—A GREAT BATTLE FOR THE DESERTED AND SHELL-WRECKED TOWN OF VIBORG HAS BEEN RAGING ALL DAY.

WHILE THE FINNISH ARTILLERY HAS BEEN POUNDING THE RUSSIANS ROUND THE BAY OF VIBORG THEIR NEWLY-ARRIVED FOREIGN WARPLANES HAVE BEEN MAKING INTENSIVE BOMBING RAIDS ON THE RUSSIAN LINES.

Bombs which were dropped on the ice hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters beneath.

Because of the more easily defended nature of the ground, experts in Helsingfors have little doubt that the Finnish forces at Viborg will continue to hold out.

To-night there was a considerable rise in the temperature which gives hope that the weather may come forward and hamper the Soviet onslaught.

#### WEATHER IMPEDES RUSSIANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRKENAES, Feb. 28 (UP).—Little activity continues in the Petsamo region where the Russian air force's action has been stopped by cold weather, the thermometer showing 20 degrees below zero (Centigrade).

The Russian troops have not yet taken advantage of the Finnish retreat and the advanced Russian positions are reported to have not yet made a move to the south. Any attempt to do this is hampered by snow and the rough terrain.

Finnish patrols have been active in the vicinity of their previous positions at Hoysesjaer thus enabling their artillery to find the change of Russian's positions.

It is expected that the Russians will continue their attempts to advance to the south in order to eventually reach the Gulf of Bothnia.

Rods Hammer At Viborg

HELSINKI, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland is heaviest in the Viborg area at the moment.

One report says that the Soviets have brought two fresh Soviet divisions up into action.

They made a terrific attempt to reach Viborg but the Finns say that they are firmly entrenched in positions taken up a week ago.

The Finns too have brought up reinforcements, some of them being foreign volunteers.

Soviet claims that they have taken more positions are denied.

Russians' Heavy Losses

On the contrary the Russians have suffered heavy losses.

The loss of the fortresses of Koli and Viipuri does not seem to have made much difference to the Finnish position so far.

There are as yet no signs that the fortress, which was dismantled by the Finns before they withdrew, is being used against the Finnish defences.

The Soviet bombing on Tuesday has decreased somewhat.

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Meanwhile Finnish aeroplanes are busy and are reported to have attacked a Soviet air base and munitions dump far behind the Soviet lines.

Kormit Roosevelt To Lead Volunteers

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Major Kormit Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt and relative of President Roosevelt, has decided to apply for permission to resign his commission in the British Army to lead international volunteers to Finland.

Most Favourable Conditions

"We are waging the war under the most favourable conditions. Our

### Coal Mine Disaster

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 28 (UP).—Twenty persons have been killed and 100 injured in a gas explosion in a coalmine at Arsa.

It is feared that other victims are buried in the wreckage.

### (That Other Man) GOEBBELS LETS IT RIP—

#### THIS TIME WE WILL MAKE A FINAL END TO PLUTOCRATIC TYRANNY

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Addressing a meeting at Muenster to-day, Dr. Goebbels declared that the German nation was now united for the first time in history.

The very existence of a united German nation has been regarded as a challenge by the plutocratic Powers of the west. The German nation is well aware that the present war is a war of life or death.

"Escape is not possible yet," said Dr. Goebbels. "We know our own means very well, but we also know our opponents' means."

"We Do Not Care"

"We do not care if our opponents base their judgment of Germany on the opinion of Jewish refugees, nor if they make mad war aims with a view to the utter destruction of the German nation."

Dr. Goebbels extolled the part played by Nazi Party officials in the war. Ninety-five per cent. of all Hitler youths were in the army. Four hundred of them were killed in the Polish operations.

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### Peace Hopes Fading

#### Welles' Mission Appears Doomed To Failure

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (UP).—Hopes that Mr. Sumner Welles' Mission would lay the foundation for peace negotiations are rapidly fading as evidently inspired articles appear in all German newspapers, furiously denying reports that Hitler has even considered making a peace offer.

The papers unanimously reiterate that the destruction of the British Empire is the sole German war aim.

"Germany can conceive of peace, harmony and goodwill among nations only when that tyrant is done away with everywhere in the world," declares the "Diplomatic Korrespondent."

Disappearance of British tyranny is a pre-requisite to the freedom of the seas and the making good of injustices hundreds of years old.

"This terror must be broken."

Nazi Denials

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 29 (Domel).—Rumours that Hitler will present a three-point peace formula to Mr. Sumner Welles, the U.S. Under-Secretary of State are denied. In official Nazi circles.

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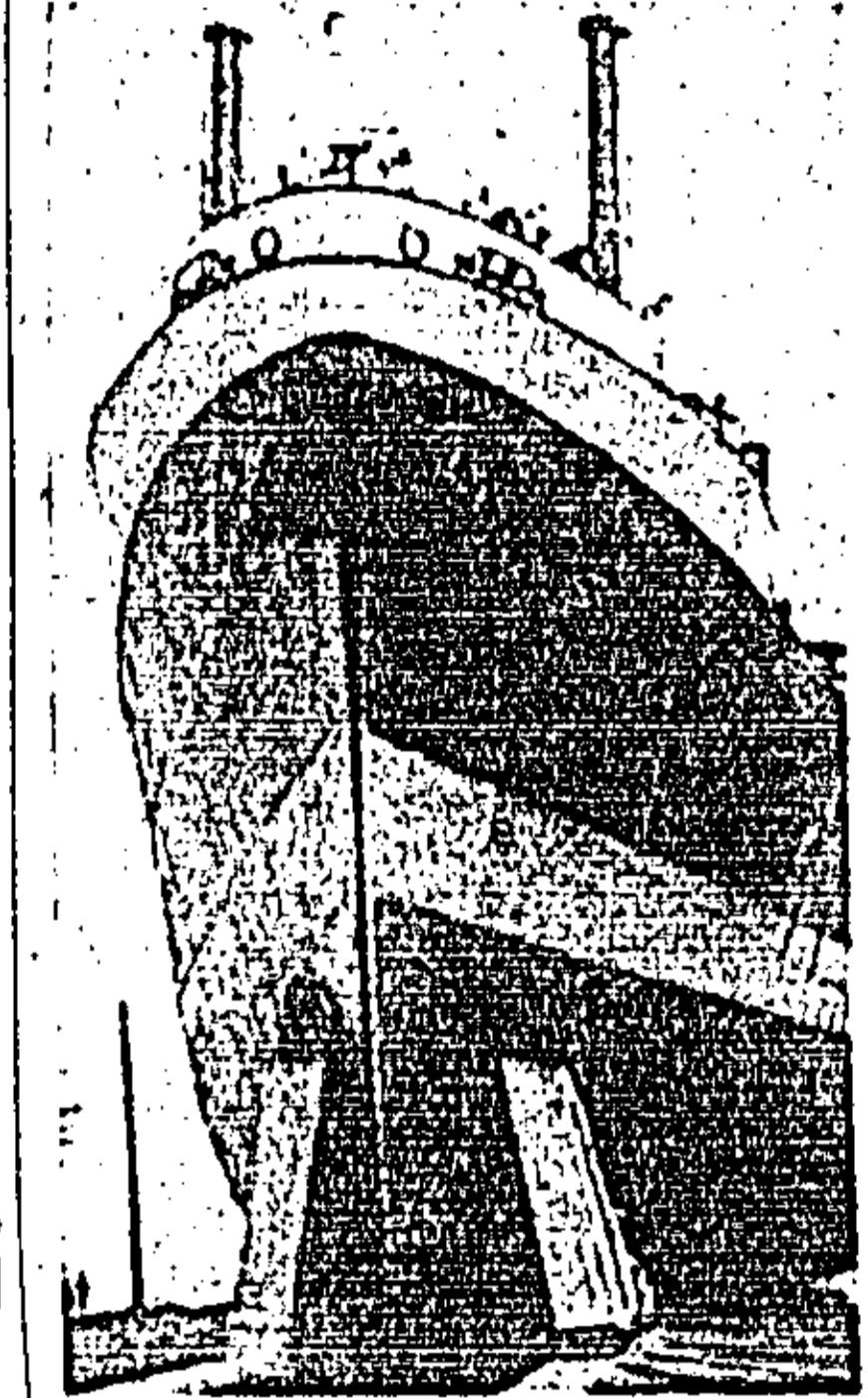
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### HONGKONG STEAMER RESCUES 13 MEN

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Homeward bound from the Far East, the Hongkong-built Glenorchy passed through a large patch of oil floating on the water.

She was on her maiden voyage, after her launching at the Taikoo Docks in Hongkong.

Half an hour later, Captain William Christie of the Glenorchy sighted an open boat about 80 miles from the Spanish coast.



THE GLENORCHY photographed as she was being launched in Hongkong.

There were no signs of life in the open boat so the Glenorchy circled round and sounded her whistle.

"Immediately," Captain Christie said, "the boat came to life with heads and waving arms."

It contained the Captain, Chief Engineer and eleven men of the Dutch motor tanker Den Haag, 8,971 tons, which was lost on a voyage from New York to Rotterdam. The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

Lain Down To Die

The men, who were exhausted and starving after drifting for four days, had lain down to die.

Nothing is known of the fate of 28 other members of the crew of the Den Haag who took to two other boats.

### LATEST

#### Day's Free Rent

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Not A Dog's Chance

To-day should be a great day for proposals.

Especially at Home in England. Last Leap Year Day there was a record for Leap Year proposals; 1940 should beat 1939 easily.

I wouldn't give a dog's chance to a bachelor soldier, sailor or airman whose leave from France began yesterday.

It should, on the whole, be a happy day for the Hongkong Government. Most of their expenditure is on a PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

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### A Look Through The "Telegraph"

#### 50 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1890. Miss Island took seventy-seven days to make the tour of the world and Miss Nellie Bly therefore beat her by four and a half days.

As will be seen from the half-yearly report of the Hongkong Hotel Company, in another column, the directors intend extending the hotel premises to the Praha, which will more than double its capacity.

#### 25 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1915. Below we give a full list of men who have volunteered from Hongkong and district for service at the front, and who have passed the authorities and left for Home:—A. F. Briggs, G. C. Jorge, E. W. Evans, H. E. Vlctor, C. A. Wilkie, R. Hilders, A. N. Jocland, H. Forster, R. Lapsley, G. W. Rogers, A. H. G. Proctor, J. H. Cullen, F. L. Lutkin, E. H. Cullen, W. Wilson, D. Blenkran, W. G. Golding, M. Griffin, G. Hermitage, J. H. May, J. Mooney, J. Soares, A. H. Wyndham, G. E. Gumprecht, E. Henest, A. P. Wilson, R. Goods, P. Shennet, F. V. Dunn, A. Pittman, A. D. Storrie, L. O. Collins, C. Watt, G. Hudson, H. C. Ryder, J. E. Cooke, R. Beattie, J. T. Robertson, N. C. Chunyut, H. J. White, W. Ladd, R. H. Fairley, W. M. Stevens, C. E. M. Olver, C. West, H. G. Dixey, A. D. Shaw, W. H. Chatham, G. K. Chatham, G. Powell.

The Germans, in the wood at Malacca, again sprayed one of our trenches with burning liquid. The trench had to be abandoned, the occupants being seriously burnt. (This was the first occasion on which mustard gas was used.—Ed.).

#### 10 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1930. While it has been stated that there is no likelihood of a revolution being proclaimed in Spain, at this juncture, the political situation is becoming extremely critical and the establishment of a Republic is being openly discussed. The feeling against the Monarchy is undoubtedly growing, but for the time being, it is doubtful whether the Republican opposition is sufficiently strong to effect a coup.

#### 5 YEARS AGO

March 1, 1935. Despite the fact that the Emperor of Italy, and to Signor Mussolini, the Fascist Dictator, urging that Italy's and Abyssinia's friendship be not violated, the conflict between the two countries at Ualun, 90,000 of his troops are massed on the Somaliland frontier.

It is expected that if the King of Siam formally abdicates his 11-year-old nephew, Prince Ananda Mahidol, will immediately become King, until a Council of Regency is appointed, he reached the age of majority.

### London Stock Market

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—On the Stock exchange to-day, Kaffirs moved up sharply late in the afternoon on the announcement of the South African Government's modification of its gold-mining policy.

Home rails were firm on the Southern's dividend of 1½ per cent. on deferred ordinary stock.

Gilt-edged securities recovered after an early indecision elsewhere and were mainly steady.

Wall Street was firm.

### NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

### HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held in the Office of the Company, No. 2 Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday, 26th March, 1940, at noon for the consideration of the Directors' Report and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December, 1939.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to 26th March, 1940, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

E. COCK,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

### NOTICE

### THE TAIPo RURAL HOME AND ORPHANAGE

13½ Milestone, Taipo.

The Orphanage will be formally opened on

Saturday, 2nd March, 1940. His Excellency The Governor will perform the Opening Ceremony at 3.30 p.m.

All are cordially welcome.

Buses will leave the Peninsula Hotel for Taipo at 2.00 and 2.15 p.m. and will return at 4.30 and 4.45 p.m.

Reservations must be booked beforehand at the Hongkong or Peninsula Hotel where tickets are obtainable at \$1 per Return Trip.

### CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

### COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

Bringing Cargo from Dunkirk via Haliphong

Consignees are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored into the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before 6th March, 1940, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs.—Goddard and Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday, 2nd March, 1940.

Consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when any dutiable goods are examined by the Company's Surveyors.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

R. OHW,  
Agent.

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### (NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA)

From EUROPE and STRAITS

Consignees of Cargo from Company's Vessels are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 4th March, 1940, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives on any Tuesdays and Fridays at 2.30 p.m. within the free storage period. For the examination of damaged dutiable goods, the consignees must arrange for a Revenue Officer to be present.

All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

No fire insurance has been effected.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISYA,  
Hongkong, 27th February, 1940.

### Mexico To Pay Indemnity

### Oil Interests Split On Question

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—According to the newspaper, "Excelsior," Mexico is preparing to take the first step for a definite solution of the petroleum controversy by paying the Sinclair Petroleum Company an indemnity "in an immediate form" and in cash.

The announcement follows the recent statement by President Cardenais that the "oil crisis will be solved satisfactorily for Mexico, before the end of my term," that is to say within the next eight months.

The amount mentioned, as payable to the Sinclair Petroleum Company is \$7,000,000.

Local oil circles make no comment on the announcement which, if true, would indicate a split in the policy of the oil interests involved in the expropriation.

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### G. R.

### PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS

of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at La Salle Road, Kowloon Tait, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Regality No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon No. 276	La Salle Road, Kowloon	As per sale plan.	About 8,000	\$ 3.52	\$ 4,400

No. of Sale	Regality No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
1	New Kowloon No. 275	La Salle Road, Kowloon	As per sale plan.	About 16,500	\$ 3.192	\$ 4,125

No. of Sale	Regality No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
3	Rural Building Lot No. 435	Tyam Bay, Island Road.	As per sale plan.	About 16,500	\$ 3.192	\$ 4,125

No. of Sale	Regality No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
4	Rural Building Lot No. 437	Adjoining Rural Building, Lot No. 437, Island Road.	As per sale plan.	About 16,500	\$ 190	\$ 3,300

No. of Sale	Regality No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Ann. Rent.	Upset Price
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# By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

IT IS strange to see middle-aged women of determined aspect, the mothers of families, young women evidently not long married with painted lips and a permanent wave, tending an automatic machine in the crowded din of an armament works.

For thousands of women are working in factories in France. In most of them, I think, the wife was offered the job of her mobilised husband.

Many of them had never worked in a factory before, but I was told by various directors that they got into the way of it very quickly. I was not surprised, for after what I have seen I am ready to believe that the French woman can do anything she has a mind to.

But they have their homes to look after and their children to care for. In some factories they work only two weeks out of three, in others they are given every third day off, in either case with full pay, so that they should not lose touch with what after all are their essential interests and so that their children should run as little chance as possible of neglect.

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IT is grim to see this multitude of women occupied in making all manner of things to kill and maim the husbands and brothers of other women. In some work, the delicate and accurate work, for instance, that has to be put into making a



## The Woman's Part In The War

fuse, they are better than men. It is grim to see them so neatly painting and varnishing the cases of big shells.

It is grim to see them, rows and rows of them, at a factory of explosives making the bags in which powder is to be poured, and, when they are filled, tying them up into neat parcels or packing them into metal cylinders.

There are many more who have given their money and their time to the numerous associations that have been instituted to cope with the manifold difficulties of the

beds in it, rugs to cover him and hot coffee. There are paper and pencils on a table so that he can write to his family or his girl, and the fact that in one station alone from 250 to 300 letters are written every night shows that he is glad of the opportunity.

Next door is a lavatory where he can wash his feet and put on a clean pair of socks; his own

moment. There are many who have set themselves, alone and obscure, to alleviate the distress, financial and moral, of their neighbours.

The Red Cross has founded 150 auxiliary hospitals, with nearly 20,000 beds, and has placed thousands of adequately trained nurses at the disposal of the authorities.

L'Union des Femmes de France sends parcels to the soldiers and has enrolled a host of women and girls to make jumpers, socks and scarves for the soldiers, but besides this, it has embarked upon two undertakings, one of which shows, to my mind, a touching thoughtfulness and of which the other peculiarly interests me as a professional writer.

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MEN on leave, or transferred from one post to another, often arrive at a station where they have to spend the best part of the night before the train starts. They are tired and hungry, maybe wet through, and they have perhaps little money in their pockets.

L'Union des Femmes de France offers them shelter. Mademoiselle B. is evidently a young woman of determination, for during the luncheon hour, lunch being served at a canteen, she has set the women to knit scarves, socks and sweaters of the employees of the factory who are mobilised.

There is a fund to which each worker contributes a few sous so that little luxuries may be added to the parcels.

Mademoiselle B. must be a person of intelligence, energy and initiative; and of course the end of the story should be orange blossom and marriage bells; but whether she should marry the owner of the factory or a young son of toil who has returned from the front with the Croix de Guerre the reader must decide for himself.

There are vast numbers of women in France who are quietly doing obscure and humble tasks of which no one will ever hear.

There was a baker who made bread for the whole district and his wife with her handcart delivered it in the surrounding hamlets.

He was called up, and since he was the only baker in the neighbourhood it would have been a poor look out for everyone if the wife he had left behind had not set to work to make and bake the bread herself at night and deliver it as usual by day.

And so everywhere the women of France, with wonderful patience, with their sense of affairs and with fortitude, are in a large part maintaining the prosperity of the country.

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IN rural districts they are looking after the horses and cattle that have not been requisitioned and getting the fruitful soil ready for next har-



## INDIAN TROOPS

Cairo, Feb. 28. With artillery booming, Indian troops went into action in the desert to-day in a series of exercises which will last a month. The defending force established its field headquarters under date palms in the ruins of Memphis and Bren guns and field pieces were camouflaged with palm branches.

While the motorised enemy columns trying to destroy the canals and bridges of the Nile Valley advanced from the western desert, Jats, Rajputs, Punjabis and Hazarawalis, cunningly hidden in the sandy gullies, guarded a 15-mile front. They had to wait the whole night watching with telescopes and waiting for the enemy in a silence broken only by the occasional howl of a jackal. One Indian was posted with a telephone at the summit of a pyramid.

The Indians, thoroughly entered into the spirit of the exercises, which they treated as the real thing.

The British, New Zealand and Egyptian armies are also carrying out exercises, and large scale manoeuvres involving the combined armies are likely to be staged.

The friendliness of the troops of different nationalities strikingly demonstrates the Empire solidarity. The New Zealanders are mixing with the Indians and all are welcomed by the Egyptians in the Cairo bazaars. The Dominion troops salute the Indian officers with enthusiasm.

A half hour programme of Indian music is broadcast every night from Cairo for the benefit of the troops encamped in the desert. A special club for Indian troops will be inaugurated on March 4 under the presidency of Lady Lampson. Reuter.

are washed and mended and passed on to another man. He gets good sleep and a kindly woman wakes him when his train is due. He leaves rested not only in body but in spirit.

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FOR months now the French soldier has had to stand the hardest possible trial to one of his ardent temper—he has had to wait; and his spirit craving for occupation demands reading matter.

L'Union des Femmes de France issued an appeal for this

vest; in the towns they are keeping the shops open and running their men's business.

Women are taking over the practice of the doctors who have been mobilised. In the schools women teachers have taken over the work of men teachers and uncomplainingly added it to their own.

I will finish my article with one trifling observation I have made which seems to me somewhat curious.

Since the beginning of the war the hair of many of the women in France has been growing rapidly darker at the roots.

Whether this is due to the anxiety natural to the circumstances

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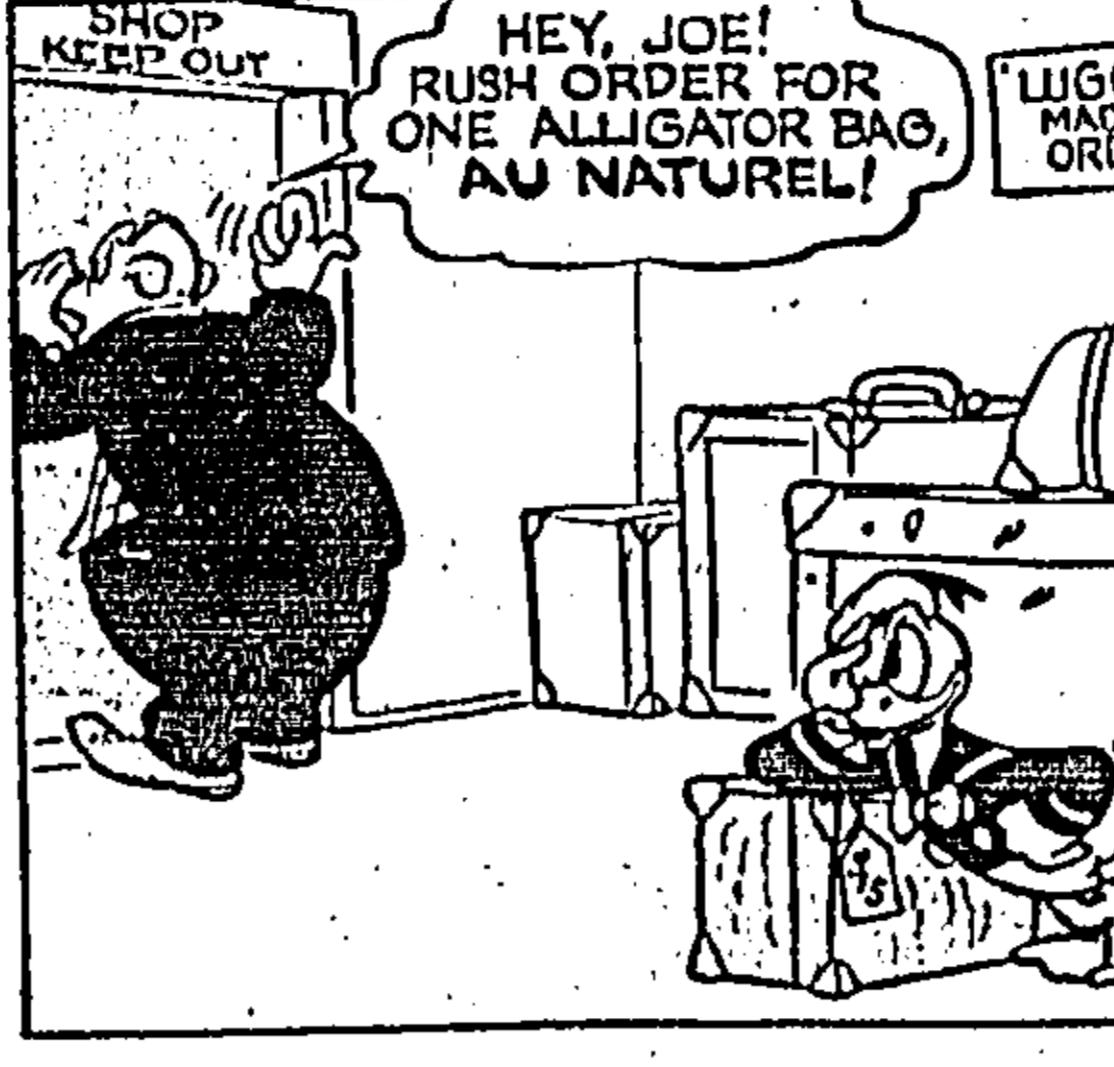
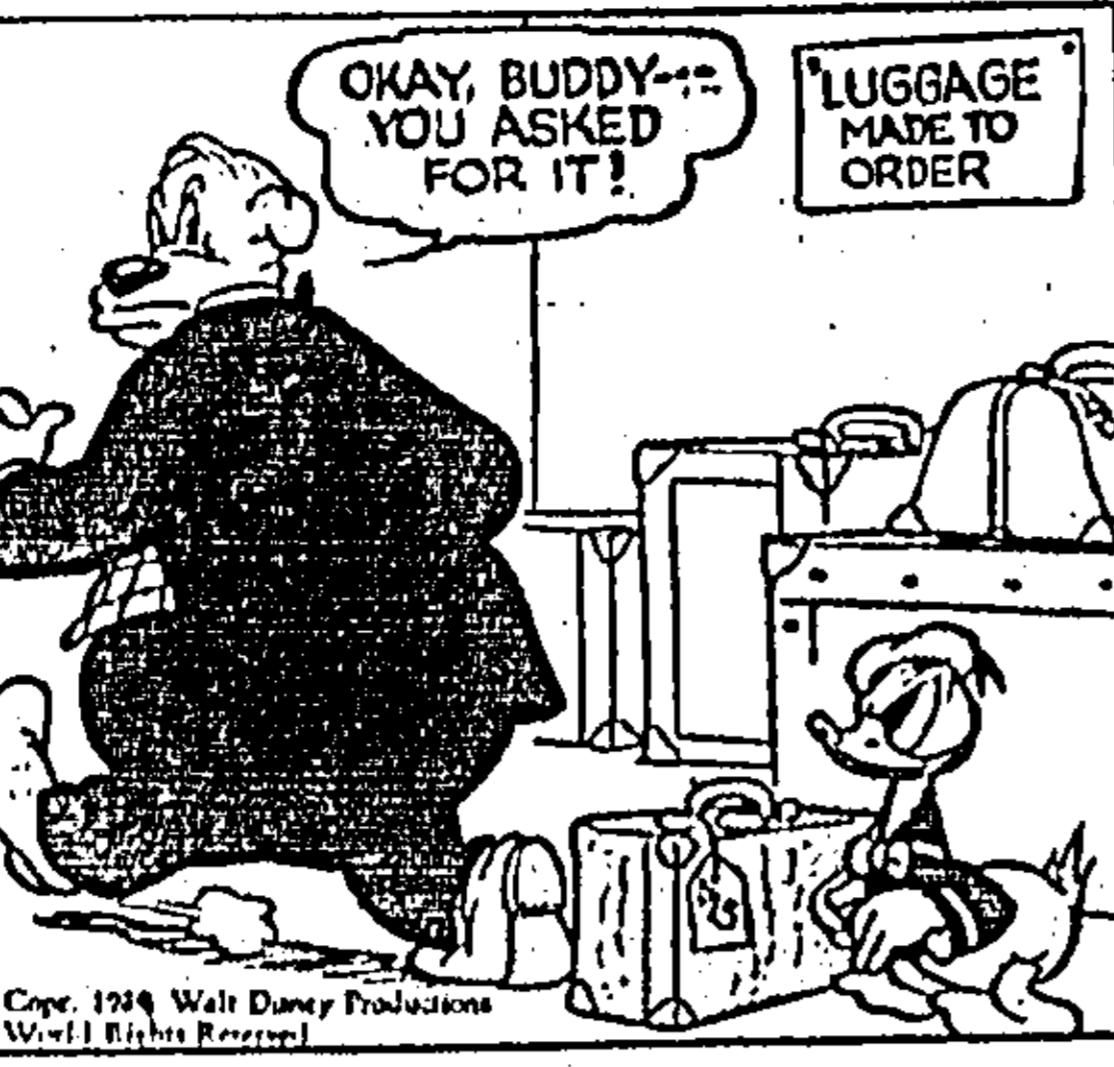
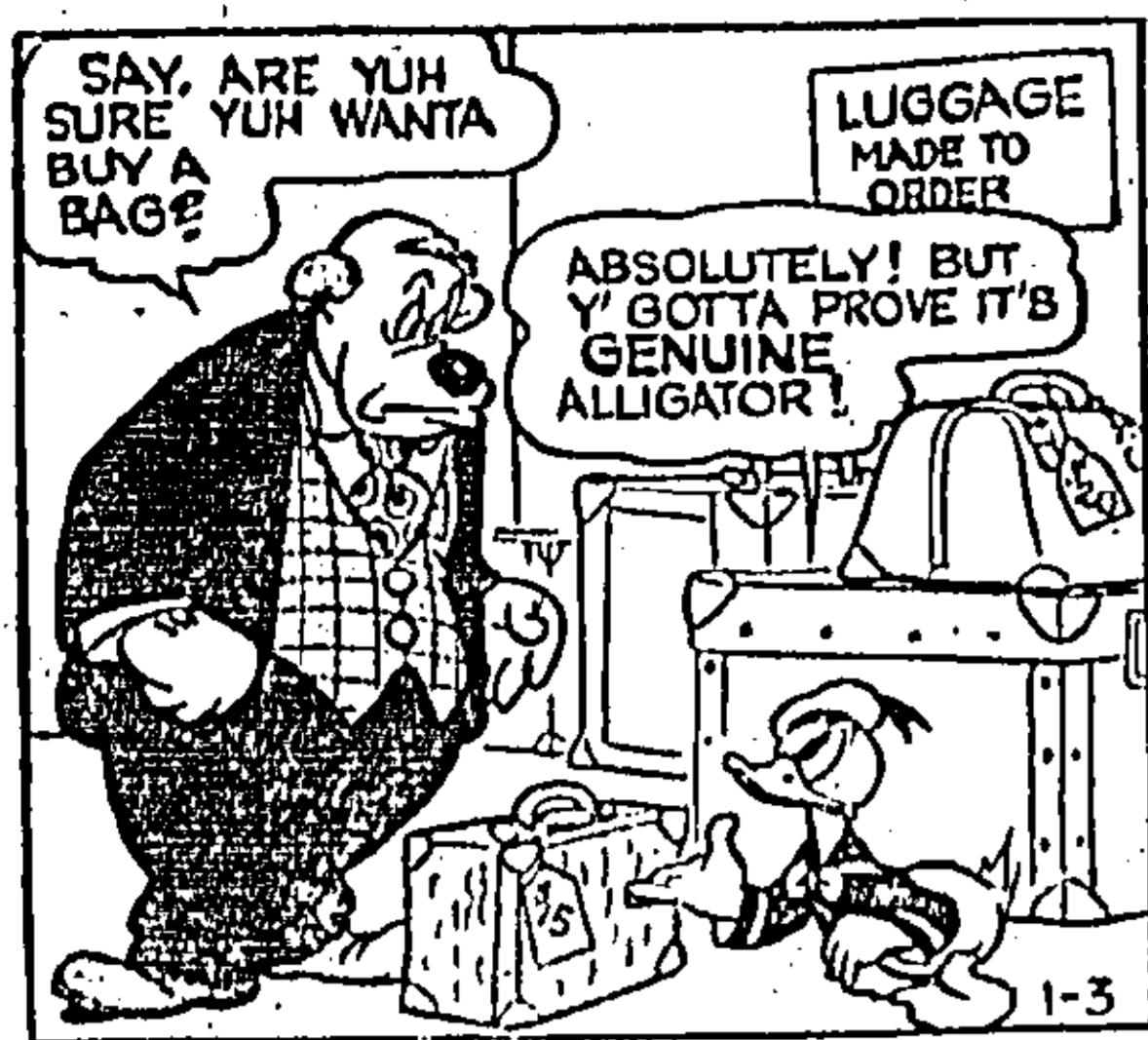
or to some more obscure cause, I am not competent to say.

I will, however, hazard the surmise that if the war continues much longer there will be few bachelors in France for gentlemen to prefer.

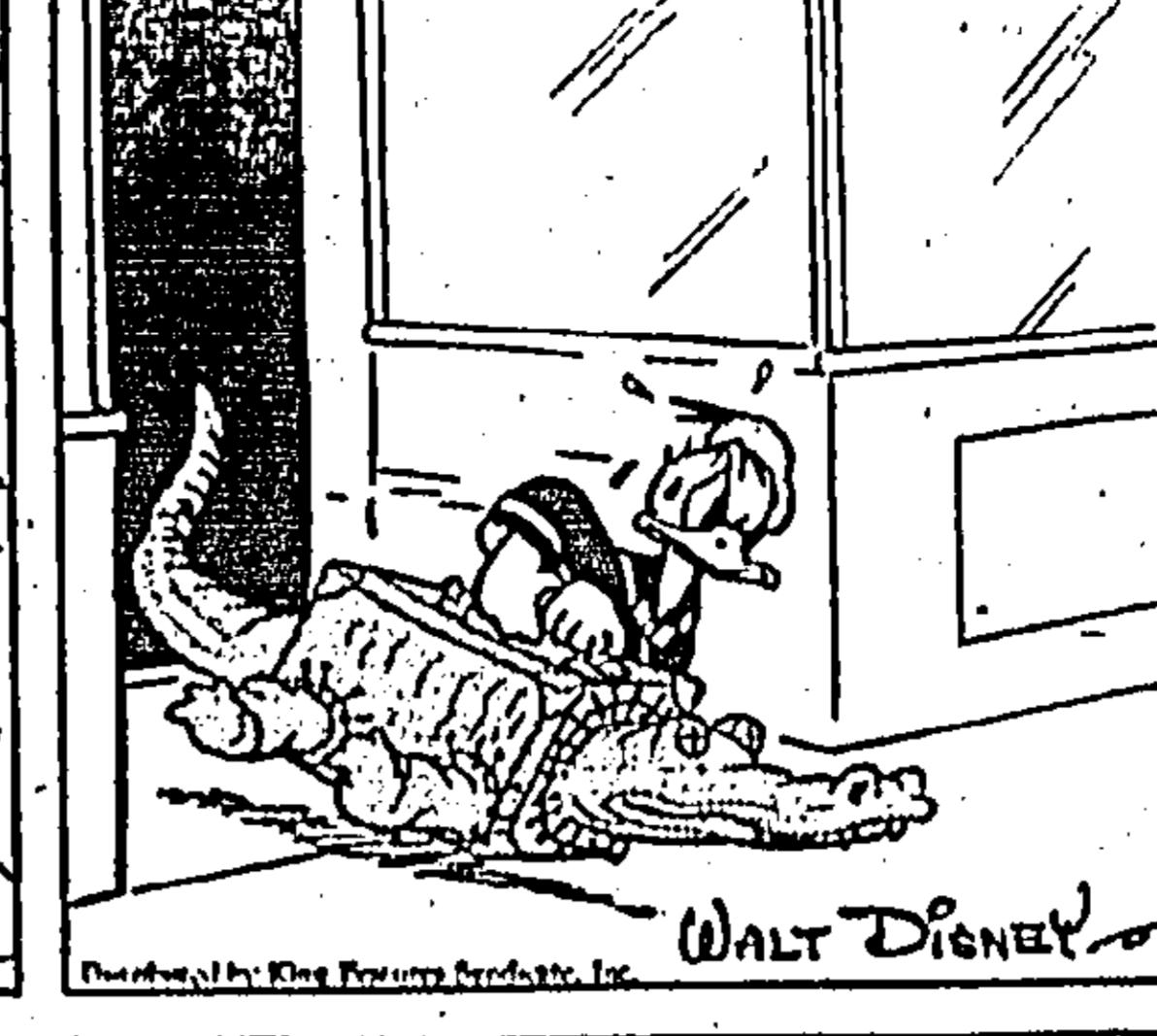
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## HUNGARY AND DUCE AS ALLIES?

ROME. ITALY and Hungary are pledged to move against any Power that violates Balkan security.

That, I understand, is the effect of the agreement reached between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers during their talks at Venice.

It is regarded as doubtful whether the Italian end of the Rome-Berlin Axis could stand the strain if Russia should attack Rumania and still retain Germany's friendship.

There is little hope, as far as can be seen here, of an early agreement between Hungary and Rumania on the Transylvanian question.

Reinforcements of Rumanian troops are, in fact, reported to have been sent to the Transylvanian border.

Reports that a formidable Franco-British colonial army, commanded by General Weygand, would go to Rumania's assistance if she were attacked, are also taken at a sign that King Carol will stay out of a Balkan bloc.

[According to news agency reports from Budapest, a defensive military alliance was arranged between the Italian and Hungarian Foreign Ministers.

In Rome, however, the reports were described as a rather sensational phrasing of Italy's willingness to support Hungary.]



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A German commando admitted that small parties of Polish young men were regularly making their way to the western countries to enlist by way of the Baltic States.

Meanwhile, rigorous precautions are being taken against the formation of rebel detachments in the occupied territory itself.

The decree is obviously aimed at the

## Party Census Disclosures

A YEAR BOOK of the Nazi Party has just been published.

It provides the first accurate estimate of the size of the organisation which Hitler has created as a State within the State.

The whole of Greater Germany, the Year Book claims, is covered with a widespread net of Party organisations.

The 80,000,000 Germans are divided into 481,076 blocks, 96,000 cells, 27,000 local groups, 622 provincial groups and 41 districts, which roughly correspond with the administrative sectors of the Reich bureaucracy.

No actual figures of employees in this vast network are given, but careful study of the Year Book reveals the figures.

★ THE Nazi Labour Front, for

instance, which is headed by Dr. Ley, employs 33,000 clerks inside the old Reich (without Austria, Sudetenland and Poland).

To them must be added 1,200,000 semi-professional paid and unpaid helpers. The Labour Front alone had expenditure of over £40,000,000 in 1938.

The Reich Food organisation, under Minister Darre, employs 21,000 men and women.

The Ribbentrop Office—a parallel organisation to the Nazi Foreign Office—with its 400 employees, fills only a minor place in this impressive list.

★ THE Year Book gives also an idea of the growth of such Party organisations as the S.S., the Nazi Black Guards.

It says that the S.S. is a full-scale army, exclusively at the disposal of the Führer.

From various detailed hints its strength can now be given as 300,000 specially picked and selected men, of unquestionably Aryan descent.

To these must be added the Death's Head S.S., numbering 100,000 with the chief task of policing prisons and concentration camps.

## G.P.U. HUNT FOR SOCIALISTS

PARIS.

INTENSIFICATION of political persecution in Eastern Poland—occupied by Soviet troops—is reported by refugees who left Lwow recently.

Socialists, both Polish, of the Polish Socialist Party (P.P.S.), and Jewish, of the "Bund," are the worst sufferers. Socialist leaders of non working-class origin are hunted down with special bitterness by the G.P.U.

Former deputy Arthur Hauser, leader of the Lwow P.P.S.; Zygmunt Plichtowski, general secretary of the Workers' University; MM. Mastek, president of the Railwaymen's Union,

and Frykowski and Bator secretaries of the union are among the arrested.

The entire executive committee of the Stanislaw district party organisation was deported to Russia.

The peasant leader Gruska is also under arrest.

Martial law has been in force all over the occupied area since the beginning of the Finnish campaign.

On the other side of the Soviet-German demarcation line political persecution began in earnest after the Gestapo had taken over from the military authorities.

The Socialist leader Niedzialkowski, editor of "Robotnik," is reported to have been arrested, as well as the Peasant Party chairman, Rataj, ex-Speaker of the Polish Parliament.

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1.15 Dance Music by Bob Crosby and His Orchestra.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeomen of the Guard."

2.15 Close Down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

5.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 Swing Music.

7 London Relay—Pictures in the Fire.

Major J. T. Gorman on Military Traditions and Customs; Music by the Welsh Guards.

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Two Piano Recital by Herbert and Bernhard Ruff (from the Gloucester Hotel).

8.22 Sidney Torch at the Organ.

8.33 Jack Hylton and His Orchestra in Dance Music.

8.45 Studio—Talk on "Yunnan" by the Rev. J. E. Sandbach.

8.03 De Fallo—Three Cornered Hat Suite.

New Light Symphony Orchestra conducted by Dr. Malcolm Sargent.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive La France."

The first of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.

## ZURICH CHEERS WELLES

ZURICH, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles arrived here this afternoon and was cheered in the station by a crowd of about 1,000 people.

He drove straight to his hotel. He will have no official contact with members of the Swiss Government during his stay here.

He is expected to leave for Berlin to-morrow afternoon.

## CENSURE MOTION ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Opposition Labour Party has decided to put down a motion of censure on the Government's statement to-day regarding Palestine.

The Liberal Opposition Party intends to support the motion which is likely to be debated next week.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister has set up a Committee to consider how the best services of voluntary bodies can be used to deal with the social problems that have arisen or may arise as the result of the war.

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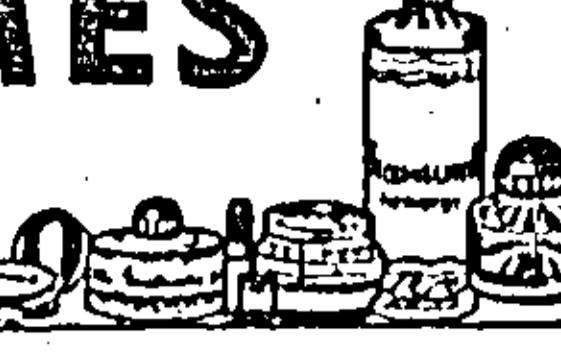
GREEKS HAVE A WORD FOR IT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ATHENS, Feb. 28 (UP).—A total of 112 Greek seamen of the Merchant Marine have been sentenced to terms of six to 12 months in exile on various islands in the Aegean Sea for acts of insubordination in foreign ports since the outbreak of war in Europe.

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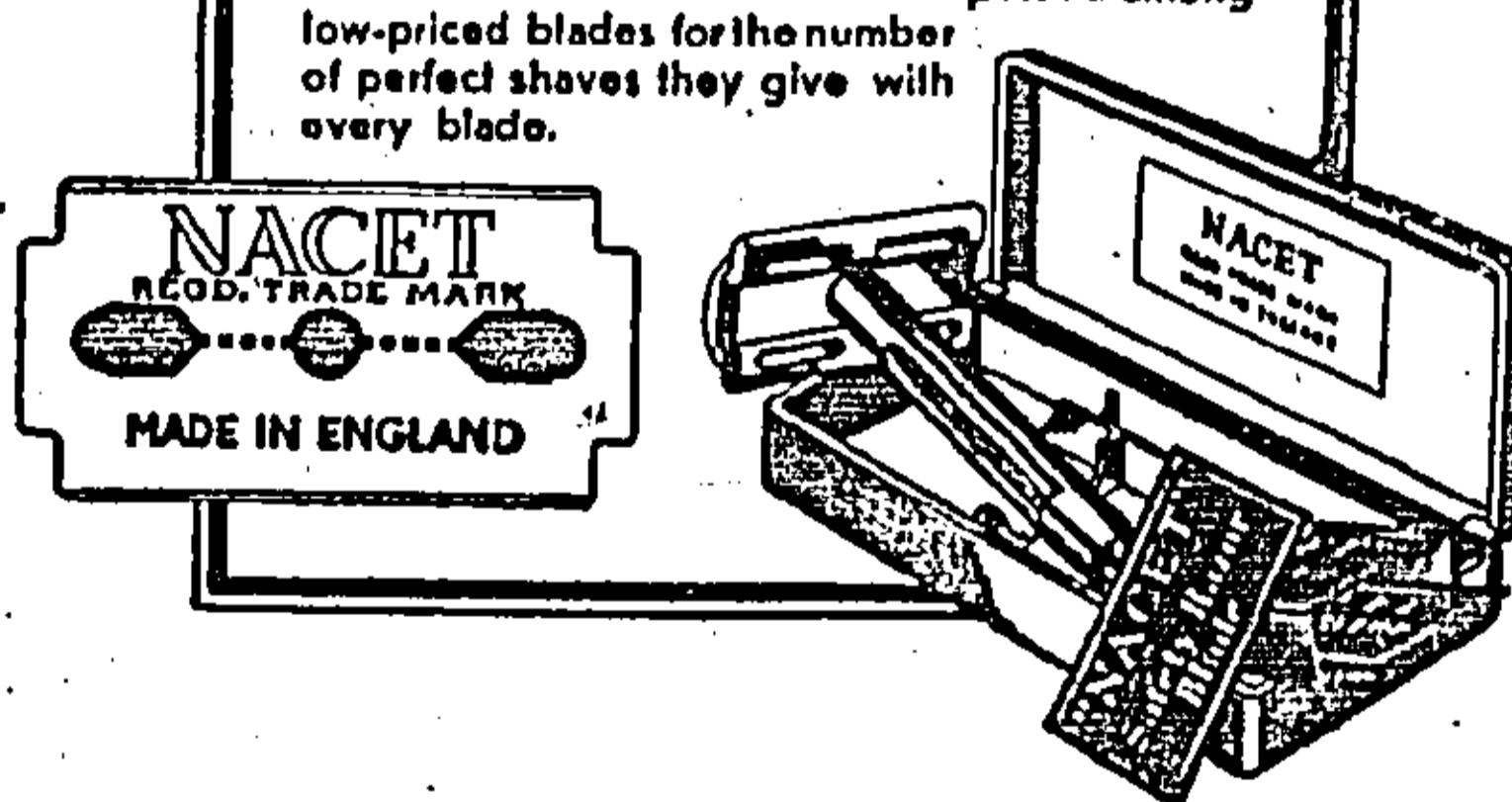
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Winston Churchill

Thirty-five years ago Mr. Churchill was making his first speeches at a Liberal gathering the confidence that returned him to the House of Commons as a Minister. Much has happened since to politics and to Mr. Churchill.

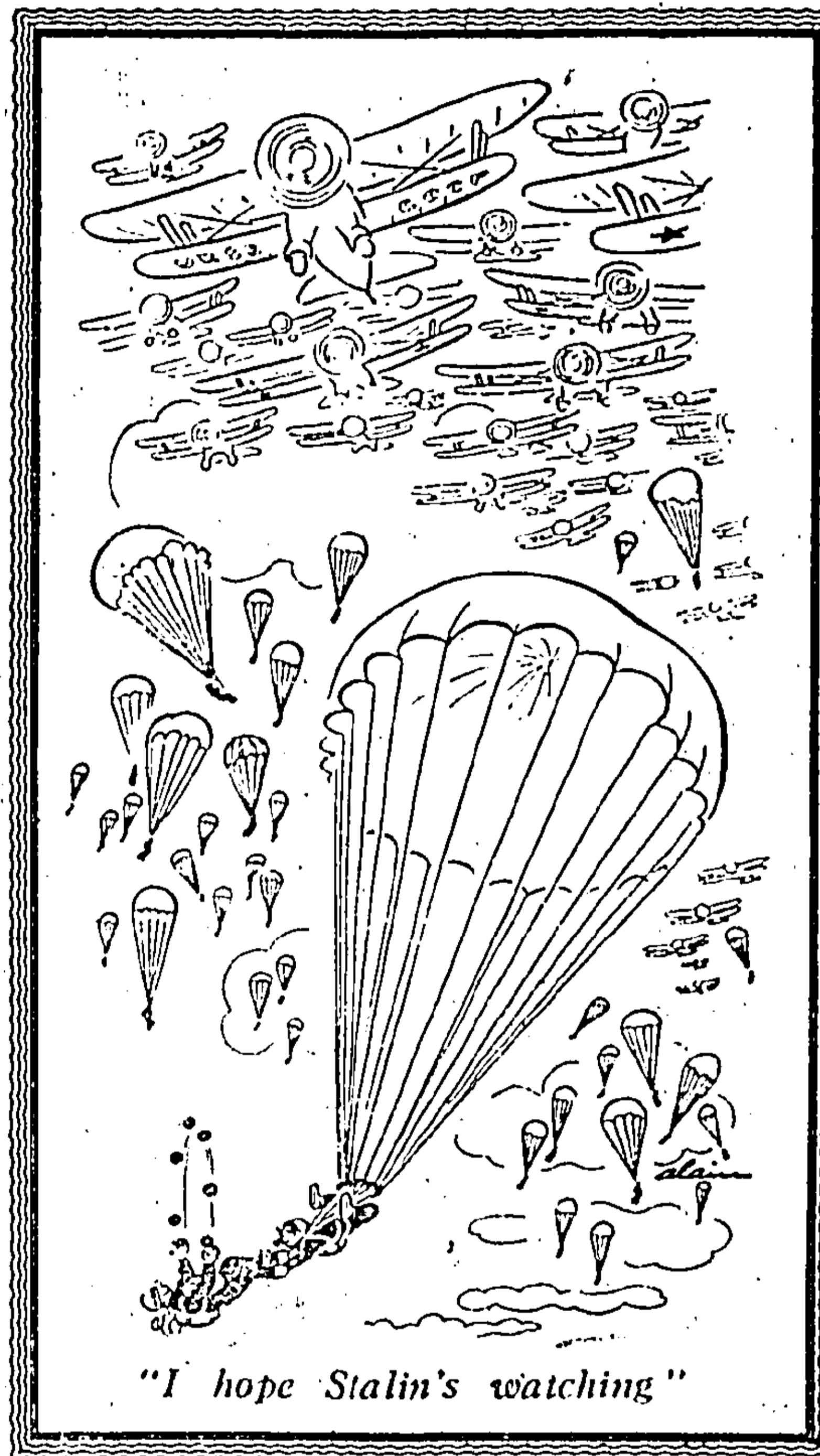
There are probably few who on looking back over his long career would claim that he has always been right. There are some who have so profound a mistrust of his judgment that they bring to everything he says a mind full of suspicion. But that he stands out among public men as a man of character, of initiative, of independence, and of tenacity nobody will deny. And he hasn't this moment a very special claim to public confidence. Month after month during the fatal drift of Western policy, when our realists were talking of composing all the troubles of the world by appeasement, when the Nazi rulers were presented to us as harmless men justly sensitive about the treatment Germany had received but essentially reasonable and good-hearted, when we let our defences rust and our diplomacy dream, Mr. Churchill was warning the nation that these were illusions, and illusions for which mankind would one day pay a terrible penalty.

About his campaign for collective security there was something of the character of Gladstone's campaign against Disraeli's Eastern policy in the seventies. For Mr. Churchill saw in one case, as Mr. Gladstone saw in the other, that the choice for his country was ultimately, however the truth might for the moment be disguised, between upholding tyranny and defending freedom. Can anybody deny that if the two Western Governments had listened to him the world would wear to-day a very different face?

Mr. Churchill, who, along among men holding high office to-day, held high office in the last war, devoted most of his grave and sober eloquence in yesterday's speech in the House of Commons to encouraging and steeling the spirit of the nation. He analysed the elements of our strength to show how vast are the resources on which we can draw. If we know how to use them, to conserve them, and to develop them. But he made it plain that we must be ready for greater exertions than any we have made as yet, and his description of the efforts that are needed was evidently intended to shake the false optimism that is so easily induced by the unusual conditions under which this war is being waged.

Mr. Churchill closed his speech by reference to the apathy of the neutrals at the slaughter of their own people by Germany's sea warfare. In a world accustomed by the cinema to spectacular sensations, hardened by the numbing power of terrible events, some are slow to realize what is happening in all its truth. At this moment the area swept by war in Europe is much less than the area

# He might break through . . . but he couldn't afford to



## Life in a British Internment Camp

GESTAPO terrors of Dachau and Buchenwald . . . you know all about that, following the Government's publication of the White Paper on Nazi tortures in concentration camps.

For the other side of the picture, come with me to one of Britain's internment camps. No tortures, no hard work, no starvation.

Being interned, in fact, has only one disadvantage. You get bored stiff. Regulations at present prevent internees from receiving anything like military drill, or playing any game more arduous than football. Some were brought to this big internment camp and have since been transferred; several hundreds of Germans have passed through in this way, and believe me they have been well treated as prisoners of war, though they have not been mollycoddled.

The "boss" of the camp is a Guards officer. The iron gates of the camp are guarded by sentries from a famous Territorial regiment.

that was swept by Napoleon's armies. But two things distinguish the present from the past miseries of Europe. Never before has so much energy been spent in spreading misery for its own sake. Never before has the power to strike mind as well as body, to wound men and women through memory and imagination, through love of family or love of God, been equipped with weapons so sure and so terrible.

What picture could Mr. Churchill draw of this Europe, where all the sufferings of callous war have been culminated by the cold cruelty of deliberate policy, where a Government of vast strength and immense resources sees as the object and uses as the instrument of its plans famine, disease, homelessness, insanity, and despair.

He could restore to the lurid colours that fade on our imagination—for we live in a world where the crime of yesterday is forgotten, the crime of to-day and the crime of to-morrow blurs the crime of to-morrow.

their full power to move our imagination and pity. He could make even the slowest mind understand that this is not a quarrel to settle some dispute between one Government and another, but a quarrel to settle whether Europe is to master these dark passions or whether these dark passions are to master Europe.

THE charges are grouped into classes, "A" and "B"—the Class A internees being people of some social standing who can't be expected to mix with mere proletarian internees. In fact, you can very clearly see from the "guests" here that National Socialism has bred more militant snobishness, and is not brotherly Socialism at all.

Class B charges are used as batmen. Class A gets pay 4s. 6d. a day if they can afford it, and get slightly better food. The colonel, quiet and kindly, is trying to instill some British public school spirit into these bullet-headed Teutons. It isn't easy.

"Camp," of course, is a misnomer.

The interment centre consists of several very solid buildings—you

would be amused if I could disclose where the place is.

There's no secrecy, as there is at Dachau. The internees are allowed to write home to Germany, though in view of Saner evasions only 40 per cent. of the letters reach their destination.

However, they're allowed to write two letters a week each. Of course, they're censored, and are posted together with a printed slip in German advising relatives what they must not say in reply, for fear of upsetting Gestapo censors. There's service for you!

EACH German as he arrives, after inspection by the military tribunal, has his identification papers checked, is given a brief medical test, and after his luggage is examined he is served with his issue of mattress, pillow, bolster, and four blankets.

Most of his own personal stuff is allowed to keep, but only one razor blade and no sharp cutting instrument such as scissors or nail files.

For the present, visits from relatives are absolutely barred. Interviews with solicitors are allowed within the sight (but not hearing) of officers, and they have to check and censor all parcels arriving through neutral countries.

Internees can buy their newspapers from the canteen, and can supplement their ordinary food rations if they want to with tinned food and sweets. Few do, however, as the rations are adequate.

The men are allowed to smoke all day right up till "lights out" at 10.15, and are rapidly getting used to English cigarettes, which the Class A

PLEASE Turn To Page 9.

THE myth of the Maginot Line—a section of which has now been taken over by British troops—is that it is impregnable. And a very dangerous delusion that is.

It certainly is not held by the French or the British staffs, to say nothing of the German staffs. Those students of military science understand very well the value of fortifications in modern warfare—and their limitations.

But the mass of the population in France believe that the Line cannot be broken. Many people here think so too. "On ne passe pas."

THERE lies a danger.

For if the Line were pierced by a German attack, the public in the two Allied countries would be dismayed in proportion to the confidence they had been taught to place in the invincible strength of the fortification. They might feel, in a wave of pessimism, that the great barrier between them and the Germans had been swept away.

That would be quite a mistake. The piercing of the Line would not mean defeat and the ending of the war so long as the British and French armies were substantially intact. The effect on the ultimate course of the war would depend on the cost to Hitler in lives, tanks, airplanes, etc., of breaking through. That operation might well be too expensive that it brought about Hitler's ruin. Just as the costly German attacks in the spring of 1918 led to the German crack-up in the autumn of that year.

But the effect on Allied morale might be big. It is untrue in war to pin too high hopes on the holding of one position.

LET us talk some common sense about the Maginot Line.

It is a very formidable zone of fortifications designed by the best military engineers in the world, the French. But it is like other fortifications. It can be taken. And that goes for the Siegfried Line too.

The world is littered with the ruins of "impregnable" fortifications. Those ruins still show the breach in the invincible walls through which the assailants poured to victory.

Some British soldiers in France at this moment may be passing one celebrated British military monument of the Middle Ages. It is one of the masterpieces of medieval fortification.

They will see an imposing ruin on a rocky height. Cliffs, surmounted by tremendous walls, through which the assailants poured to victory.

It's a saucy child, my year-old castle."

So it got its name, Saucy Castle—Chateau Gaillard.

Three years later, the French laid siege to it. After eight months' work by their engineers, Chateau Gaillard fell.

It might be far from being knocked out. But, in theory, it would recover too late. The battle would have moved on. The mechanized army would be thrashing at X itself, hoping to turn chaos into paralysis at that nerve centre.

It is to oversimplify the German problem a great deal. But it is a rough statement of the thing in the tempo of modern war, where the initial stage of the attack moves at perhaps 15 m.p.h. (speed of a heavy tank) and the later stages at up to 30 m.p.h. (speed of a light tank).

This compares with the tempo of the last war, which depended in all stages on the 2 m.p.h. of the tramping soldier.

The possible depth of an attack in those days depended on the physique of the footlogger. Now it depends on the refuelling of petrol-driven vehicles.

AND that might be the real problem before the German generals. Their mechanized forces might after a few hours be stranded with empty petrol tanks. Could those tanks be filled?

In any case, nobody need suppose that an attack on the Western Front could ever be a repetition of the Polish coke-walk.

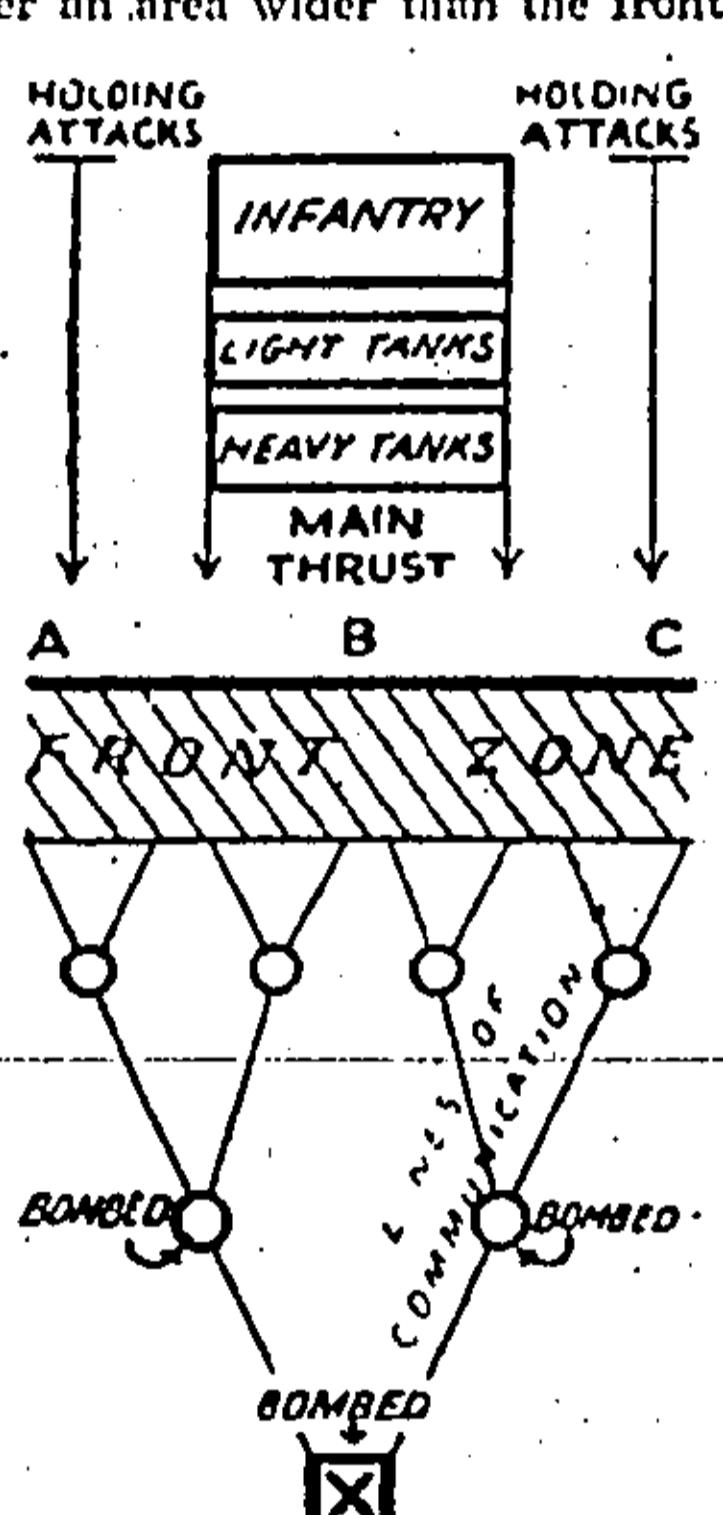
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And that if we lose it we lose all.

For two reasons Hitler might, in the spring, decide to gamble on an attack on the Line:

(1) Psychological effect, especially in France.

(2) Command of the Lorraine iron ore fields.



the attack. Assuming the main defensive zone bounded by the 'barrage' and crossed by heavy tanks, the faster mechanized forces, light tanks, motorized guns, and infantry would push further on without paying too much attention to mopping up in the front zone.

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## PALESTINE PROBLEMS

### Labour Objects To New Land Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The High Commissioner in Palestine has issued regulations for certain areas governing the transfer of land.

The rules provide for two zones.

In the first place, the transfer of land to anyone who is not a Palestinian Arab is prohibited generally.

In one zone limits the sales of land have already been held by Palestinian Arabs.

They will not be allowed to transfer such land to non-Palestinian Arabs without the High Commissioner's permission.

This will be granted only in special circumstances such as for schemes for irrigation or for developments which are in the joint interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The regulations were announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald who said that the text of the regulations has been sent to the League of Nations Council together with a memorandum in case any member of the Council wanted to ask for a meeting to discuss the matter.

#### Flouting League

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee protested against this way of handling the matter. It paid no regard to the Council, he said, and the Government was flouting the League of Nations' authority.

Mr. MacDonald denied that Government was disregarding the League of Nations.

The matter could be discussed by the League if the Council felt it necessary, he said.

In view of the prevailing conditions there was no practical objection to the getting out of the regulations in draft form, he said, and suspending all action until the League considered them. The Rt. Hon. L. Amery, Conservative member, said that some Government members had misgivings while another Conservative member asked why these regulations should be introduced now after six months of peace in Palestine.

He was informed that the peace might be threatened if the regulations did not come into effect.

## Nazis Lose 53 Ships

### Six Per Cent Of Total Merchant Tonnage

LONDON, Feb. 28 (British Wireless).—Up to February 25, the Germans lost by capture or scuttling 53 merchant ships. This represents six per cent. of the total German mercantile tonnage.

During the same period, Britain lost 159 merchant vessels by enemy action, representing 1.6 per cent. of the ocean-going tonnage.

Actual figures on which these calculations are based are from the Returns of the World's Merchant Shipping, dated June, 1938, which is the latest obtainable.

#### German Mercantile Fleet

These returns state that there are 2,328 German vessels over 100 tons, which totalled 4,243,863 tons. The United Kingdom had 7,203 ocean-going ships, totalling 17,780,859 tons, and the Dominions 2,476 ships, totalling 3,160,001 tons.

If gains by capture and the new ships now available are included, the British proportion is even better than these figures show.

Convoy losses remain very small. During the week ended February 24, 225 neutral ships were convoyed by the Navy without loss, while the total of ships so guarded reached 1,107 and sustained loss equalling only one fifth of one per cent.

#### (THAT OTHER MAN) GOBBELS LETS IT RIP

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food supply is fully secured, our economic system consolidated, and it is in a position to supply the country with all necessary raw material and products.

The armament industry is working at the highest pressure."

Dealing with neutrals, Dr. Goebbels said that unlike Mr. Churchill, Germany did not demand their active assistance in the war, but Germany would not tolerate a definition of neutrality which refers to military but not political neutrality.

Germany could not allow the obvious difference between the neutrality of a State and the neutrality of its public opinion. The right of freedom of opinion must not be misused in neutral countries, no said.

#### Frau Denies "Lied Like Churchill"

#### AMSTERDAM

A citizen of Detmold, says the Westfälische Land Zeitung, told his wife in the course of a quarrel that she "lied like Winston Churchill."

The wife, indignant, took her husband to court. He was fined for the "insult."

#### LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Colonel A. C. Munro, of the Indian Medical Service, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King.

## The Home Food Front

### Premier Appeals For More Production

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—An appeal for the stimulation of agricultural products was made by Mr. Chamberlain, the Premier, when addressing the Chairman of the County War Agricultural Executive Committee this afternoon.

He said that we are turning the country into a huge armaments workshop thereby placing a strain upon shipping which did not exist in peacetime.

He declared that our shipping forces, though substantial, compare in trifling proportion to the volume of our shipping. It had been necessary, he said, to adopt measures which would not do the safety but which were not in themselves economic.

In addition to the amount of shipping at our disposal another limiting factor in importation are our resources in foreign exchange.

A way out of the dilemma is to increase home production of food.

Some venerable prophets of agriculture say that Government's programme of two million acres is much too low a figure but two million was chosen as the highest figure we thought was obtainable in the time, he continued.

The programme has been handicapped by weather but it should still be possible to attain this programme if everybody puts his back into it.

The War Cabinet would be behind the farmers in their effort and the Premier had asked the Lord Privy Seal to identify himself personally with the campaign.

Referring to reports that some farmers were hesitating to contract for sugar beet because they were afraid there would be insufficient labour work on the crops, Mr. Chamberlain gave a definite assurance that Government would take whatever steps were necessary to see that the crops when grown are harvested.

The Premier also gave an emphatic denial of any idea that the farmers will be treated any worse than industrial factories.

There is a limit to the amount that can be spent in subsidies, he said, and it is essential to keep away from the vicious spiral in which prices and wages go chasing each other.

Regarding the position after the war, Mr. Chamberlain declared that if Government is determined, if that Government is determined, that agriculture will not be allowed to collapse as it did the last time.

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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

# NOMADS CAUSE LEAGUE SURPRISE

### FINNISH SPORTSMEN AT THE FRONT

HELSINKI, Feb. 20 (UP)—Finnish heroes in the realm of sport who in normal times this month would have been contesting for Olympic honours at Garmisch-Partenkirchen to-day were heroes of war stories appearing in the newspapers here.

Kalle Jalkanen, long distance ski champion, Teeka Niemi, Aarne Vainio, Ilmo Leino, and Pekka Vanninen, other champions, were featured in the stories.

Jalkanen, while returning from the northern Finland front, obtained permission and proceeded to the Mikkeli front where he met his friendly rivals. All of them wanted to be in the same corps for comradeship and to maintain uniformity and act speedsters when necessary.

Jalkanen was wounded when leading a ski expedition behind the Russian lines. Some of his fingers of his right hand are still crippled, but he has learned to use his automatic pistol with his left hand and thus he is not worried about getting away to a bad start.

### RANDOM JOTTINGS

"Y" Ladies must have felt pleased at the defeat of St. Andrew's. They have again regained the Caer Clark Cup for the fourth successive year—a very splendid record indeed. This season they have played 10 games, won 8, lost one, drew one with 37 goals to their credit and only 7 against them. This goes to prove the strength of their attack and defence. I must once again congratulate Mrs. O. Burnett on her team's success.

Mrs. Dudley, formerly Miss A. Fowler, the well-known Interporter and "Y" Ladies left-back, arrived in the Colony from Penang last Saturday.

Whilst the Khalisa team were engaged in a friendly game against the Police last Thursday, Gurbachan Singh, the triple Interporter and star Radio inside-right, collided with an opponent and dislocated his right collar-bone. He was immediately removed to hospital, and the accident, which is of a serious nature, will keep him out of the game for at least a month.

### WINDSOR LAD FIT AGAIN

Windsor Lad, £50,000 winner of the 1934 Derby and St. Leger, whose life was for a time despaired of, has recovered, and will resume stud duties next season.

This announcement was made recently on behalf of a company with which the horse was insured.

At a time when he was reputed to be earning £15,000 a year, Windsor Lad was taken seriously ill on September, 1938, with an affection of the head.

A major operation, one of the most delicate ever attempted upon a horse, was performed by Professor O'Connor, of Dublin, in the presence of many brilliant veterinary surgeons.

Arbitration proceedings followed between Mr. Martin Benson, the owner, and the company with which the horse was insured.

The arbitrator had to decide whether Windsor Lad had recovered satisfactorily, or should be destroyed.

The result was not made public, but it is understood there was a compromise by which Windsor Lad changed ownership.

His return to the stud will shortly be publicly notified in racing publications.

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### Champions Defeated: Defence Superior In Second Half

At Caroline Hill last Sunday, Nomads caused a major surprise when they inflicted a severe defeat on the Radio and Postal Sports Club by 5-2. The home team led 2-1 at the interval. The Radio goals were in a sense contributed to by the Nomads' defence, but there was no doubt about the latter's superiority in the second half when they simply swamped the champions' defence to score four times without reply.

Nomads opened their account through R. J. Reed in the first half, and though the scorer did well at inside-right, the forwards did not pull together and their chief weakness was in attack. A complete change took place in the second half when positional changes were made. R. J. Reed occupied his usual berth as pivot, H. Gubbay shifted to left-half and J. Franco was seen at inside-right.

It was soon observed that the left flank of attack with B. Xavier and Peter Rull was more progressive than the right, Reed being the most effective forward on view. S. A. Reed led his forwards brilliantly and Franco, on his right, also rendered good support. Goals were also scored by J. Franco (2), S. A. Reed and P. Rull.

On the other hand, the visitors' defence was magnificent. The splendid anticipation and intelligent interpretation of R. J. Reed at centre-half took all the sting out of the home inside trio. A. Xavier, right-half, was also an inspiring figure and seldom did wrong when tackling. R. Xavier was a very sound left-back and F. Soares, in goal, never played better. It was a fast game and my congratulations to the winners on their splendid victory.

#### CHAMPIONS LEAD FIRST

RADIO, by fine team work, deserved their 2-1 lead at half-time, and it was rather unfortunate that J. S. Grewal, the left-back, received a nasty hit on the ankle which made him a passenger for three-quarters of the game. M. H. Hassan, their brilliant pivot, took the field with a high temperature and completely collapsed in the second half.

Early in the game, the Radio forwards showed better combination, but when their opponents equalised and later took the lead, J. Pinto, at inside-left, was inclined to be selfish and Avatar Singh, as tender, was too slow for words. However, the Gurbachan-Karimdean Singh right-wing combination was the bright spot in the attack and proved a source of great trouble to the opposite defences. Gurdial Singh was the best wing-half, but Jagjeet Singh was far below form whereby he threw extra responsibility on Guest, who played a lone game at right-back.

Though beaten five times, U. D. Souza in goal made some brilliant saves, and it must have been tough luck on him to witness the collapse of his defence.

Nomads' speed on the ball completely bewildered the Radio defence who, on form, might have at least made a draw of it. However, the champions fought gallantly in the second half, but were no match for the winners, who displayed no weak link. Indeed, the champions have been made to appear as mediocre.

St. Andrew's Hopes Shattered By C.B.A.

NOT for many a long day have C.B.A. served up such exhilarating hockey as they did against St. Andrew's last Saturday. The Saints were outclassed in all departments with the possible exception of Miss J. Hall in goal. She was the only one who saved her side from utter rout. Her position behind a defence which had no power to counteract was unenviable and the C.B.A. score might easily have been greater.

A pleasing feature was the better understanding in the winners' attack and the brilliant display of Mrs. M. White and Miss D. W. W. M. White in the last line of defence.

The game was one of thrills as well as clever play and was in two distinct phases. St. Andrew's led off in surprising brisk fashion and on one occasion won Mrs. Blas unlucky when she beat the defence and later the goal-keeper, only to see the ball run out of play. Then C.B.A. ladies showed better confidence in attacking methods and gained two splendid goals through Mrs. Quick and Miss Squires.

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### INTERPORT TRIAL TEAMS CHOSEN

THE FIRST interport hockey trial will be held on Sunday on the Club ground at 10.30 a.m. when the Colours will oppose the Whites. Players are requested to take coloured and white shirts as changes will be made at the interval. The teams are:

#### Hockey Umpires Meet To-morrow

A meeting of the Umpires' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Church Hall at 6 p.m. to-morrow, when the adoption of the new short corner rule in all friendly games in the future will be placed before the Committee.

A larger Committee comprising of more than four members will also be proposed, and umpires and enthusiasts are cordially invited to attend.

#### Hard Courts To Be Built On New Ground

The annual meeting of the Chinese Recreation Club will be held on Sunday, March 10, at 4 p.m. at the Clubhouse, when the Chairman will present his annual report and the accounts. Officials for the ensuing year will be elected and other business discussed.

During the past year the Club had 320 members, including two honorary members, 87 life members, 159 active members, and 72 absent members.

Due to the increased membership and a demand for more court allocations, a request was made to the Government for additional ground at the southern corner of the adjoining Queen's College sports ground, and this was granted to the Club. The Club has decided to construct three hard-courts in that area and it is expected that these will be ready early in the summer. Expenditure on this item will require \$5,000 and it is the intention of the Committee to raise the money through debentures with members.

The Club, through the Trui Brothers, won the Colony Singles and Doubles tennis Championships and were also successful in the "A", "B" and "C" Divisions of the League, and the Mixed Doubles Division.

Although the additional ground allotted by Government passed into the hands of the Club in August of last year, Government Schools are still making use of the area for recreation purposes and will continue to do so until Chinese Recreation Club are ready to construct their hard-courts. It is understood that Government Schools, under the care of sports masters, will make use of the hard-courts during the mornings and at specially allotted times.

#### Rugby Football

### CLUB "A" DEFEAT WEAK NAVY FIFTEEN 12-6 AT HAPPY VALLEY

(By "Fly-half")

CLUB turned out a fairly strong "A" side against a Navy XV, which included many Australians, at Happy Valley yesterday and won by 12 points (three tries and a penalty goal) to 6 (a penalty goal and a try). Both sides were one short, packing seven forwards, whilst D. Hynes, of Club, played for Navy as inside-three.

The game was featured by at dropped goals, and often were slow in making up their minds whether to attempt a drop or not. Delayed back movements resulted.

Paul strove hard with the few opportunities he got, and apart from D. Hynes, was the only Navy three to go hard when immediately in possession. King was an earnest worker in the Navy pack, being prominent in the lineouts and in the loose. He was ably supported by Stockholm and Miss P. Everest, Miss I. Woolley and Mrs. R. Smith proved capable of holding the opposite attack and the play was a fine spelling game.

Richardson and Walkden, Club forwards who played in the back division yesterday, were the most dangerous of Club's backs, being successful in breaks-away. Day was quick to follow up, and used his speed to advantage. Lavalle, though injured midway through the first half, held who fed his outside well.

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PROFIT BY MISTAKE

ROSCOE made only one bad mistake when he fumbled a kick ahead of his team's forwards had a taste of trying to circumvent an experienced and clever strategists of the first waler. Mrs. Wilmett, her partner who is still a little cringe with her first-time clearances. Miss D. Moss gave an inspired display in goal and in the early stages brought out some marvellous saves. I would like to see her take up goal-keeping seriously as at the moment she is one of the best in the Colony.

Thomson scored Club's only first half try. Macrae failed to convert, but he made amends by kicking a splendid goal before the interval.

After the interval, Richardson and Macrae scored good tries. Macrae and Taylor failed to convert.

Navy reduced their deficit by a penalty goal kicked by Paul, and then a try by Stockholm. Paul failed to convert.

The team were:

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FORWARDS TOO SLOW

Three times in the first half the Saints were through and they should have made greater use of their opportunities. The forwards were either too slow or hurried in their finishing. A gentle hint was included in my notes last Thursday to play Miss B. Longbottom at right-half and Miss F. Wong at right-inside but this was ignored, and Miss M. Churn was again brought in at inside-right where she proved a total failure. She was never up with the rest of the line and consequently Miss Wong on the wing suffered from lack of support.

So far an intermediate play was concerned, there was no competition between the two teams. C.B.A. were for and away superior, and their work in midfield was more spectacular. The backs, Miss G. White and Miss M. Ross, were weak with their clearances and slow in tackling. St. Andrew's will consider themselves very unfortunate to be beaten, but they had only themselves to blame. Better luck next year.

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FOR SUNDAY

The following will represent Crayengowar in senior matches on Saturday:

First, V. Attwells (Crayengowar) (Capt.), P. J. Billmora, A. B. H. Zimmerman, H. L. Williams, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. L. Lim, W. S. Sling, G. Souza, G. Laddi, P. R. Zimmerman, Umpire, G. Laddi; Second, W. J. W. (LJC) (home)—D. R. Iraneed, (Capt.), N. V. Attwells (Crayengowar) (Capt.), P. J. Billmora, A. B. H. Zimmerman, H. L. Williams, A. K. Ismail, E. A. Lee, H. L. Lim, W. S. Sling, G. Souza, G. Laddi, P. R. Zimmerman, Umpire, G. Laddi; Third, W. J. W. (LJC) (home)—D. R. Iraneed, (Capt.), N. V. Attwells (Crayengowar) (Capt.), P. J. Billmora, A. B. H. Zimmerman, H. L. Williams, A. K. Ismail

## NANCY



## VLADIVOSTOK AS BLOCKADE AREA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It has been learned from reliable sources that Great Britain has opened discussions with Canada regarding the possibility of establishing Contraband Control bases on the west coast of Canada to check traffic from the United States and other Pacific territories to Vladivostok.

It is understood that Britain has also re-opened conversations with Washington regarding the United States exports of rubber, tin and copper to Vladivostok for the Soviet Government.

This action is said to have followed demands in the House of Commons for an extension of the economic blockade against Germany.

Authoritative quarters here have stated that besides Canada's ports on the Pacific, the ports of Hong Kong and Singapore and such islands as the Fiji group may be used by the British Navy to block Russia's traffic in commodities designed for re-export to Germany. The amounts reaching Germany by that route are, however, thought to be relatively small.

## Soviet Policy In Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (UP).—The newspaper "Yomiuri" said the reported strengthening of the Russian Naval defences in the Far East is a matter of serious concern to Japan.

It says that the Soviet Vice-Commissioner of Navy has announced that the Soviet Union is stationing 100 submarines, 12 torpedo boats and other auxiliary craft in Far Eastern waters with their base in Vladivostok.

It may be Russia's right to carry out such a policy, but whether it is expedient under the existing state of Japanese-Soviet relations is very doubtful.

## Naval Raids Dangers

The paper points to the trade negotiations at present in progress in Moscow and the mutual agreement to establish a border commission to settle the boundary disputes as evidence of better Russo-Japanese relations.

It warns Russia that a naval race between the two countries might hinder the efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement of pending issues. If Russia aims to strengthen her Pacific fleet, Japan must seriously consider counter-measures, apart from efforts to adjust diplomatic relations.

## Volunteer For Common Cause

## Jews And Arabs Land In France

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The first batch of men from Palestine to form part of the British Expeditionary Force arrived at a French port to-day, telephones "Reuter's" correspondent with the B.E.F.

They consist of about 700 men, all volunteers, 75 per cent. being Jews and the rest Arabs. They will be attached to the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps to work on communications as unskilled labourers.

"Reuter's" correspondent somewhere in France says that General Sir Walter Kirke, Commander-in-Chief of Home Forces, has arrived at General Headquarters to inspect the British Zone.

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## THE NAVY SPIRIT

## Exploits Recounted To House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Following Mr. Churchill's brilliant speech on the Navy Vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, gave members some details of the spirit of the Royal Navy.

He told of one ship which before Christmas was looking for the Deutschland.

One night, a light was seen on the horizon that might have been the quarry.

## From Hot Bath To Frozen Deck

Every man on board rushed to points of vantage. A 15-year-old Maltese seaman who was soaking in a hot bath at the time rushed up as he was onto the deck where the temperature was around 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

He stood on the pompon deck to look at what to him was the Mecca of his dreams.

In another case a warship put into port for repairs. She had 350 tons of ballast on board. This had to be moved.

The Captain was told that it would take 24 hours. The ship could not afford to wait that long so the Captain appealed to his crew.

Led by the Captain they got to work on the ballast and moved it all in an hour and a half.

## Press Pleased By Speech

## Mr. Churchill's Oration Well Received

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's Navy vote speech on Tuesday was the subject of today's Press comment as expected.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that the speech was vigorous and confident but not one moment complacent.

The "Daily Telegraph" stresses Mr. Churchill's remarks that he was wrong when he said that Germany was building two U-boats a week.

Germany may reach that figure in the future, but she had not done so up to the end of 1938, whereas we are maintaining our figure of destroying two to four a week.

## Best Summing-Up

The "Yorkshire Post" however, probably best sums up the opinions of the British Press when it concludes its leading article by remarking: "No one can read Mr. Churchill's speech without feeling heart-felt gratitude to our sailors of every rank and grade. It is certain that we shall have much further cause for gratitude before the year is out."

## VIDE GRAF SPEE

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP).—Commenting on Mr. Winston Churchill's "detained admiration" that the British battleships Nelson and Bismarck have been damaged, the D.N.E. (Official German News Agency) says:

"The suppression of German and losses inflicted on the British Navy by German submarines is intended to neutralise doubts as to the striking power of the British Navy."

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that all has been quiet on the front.

L. O. Manner.

## U.S. Newspaper Alleges Secret Defence Treaty

## SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The "Philadelphia Inquirer" to-day splashed a story of the alleged conclusion of a secret agreement between the United States and Canada regarding the defence of the Pacific Coast.

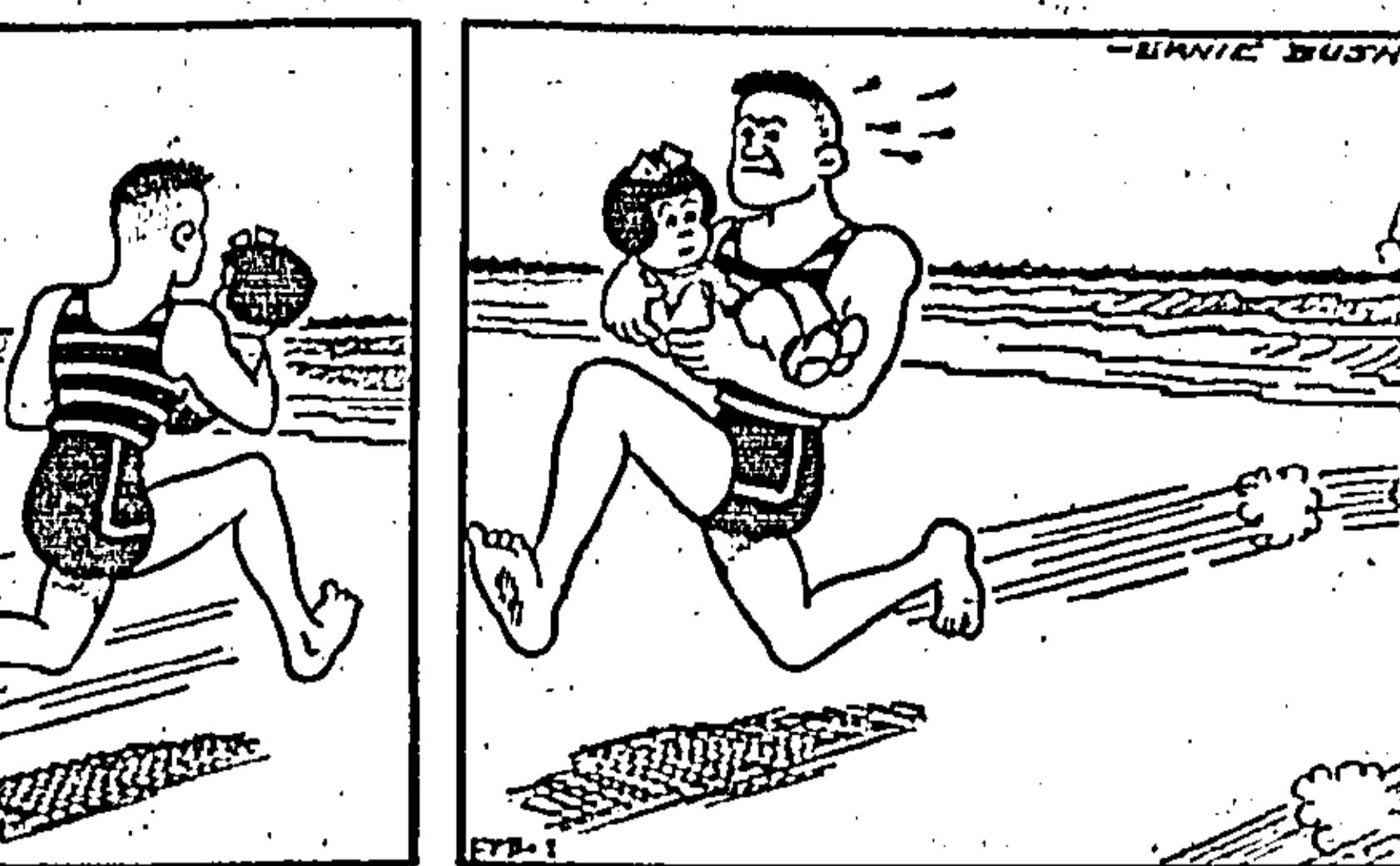
The report asserts that the alleged pact provides:

Firstly, the fortification of the Juan de Fuca Strait between Bremerton and Vancouver.

Secondly, construction of Canadian air bases on Queen Charlotte Islands and at Prince Albert.

Thirdly, reinforcement of the knowledge of such a pact.

By Ernie Bushmiller



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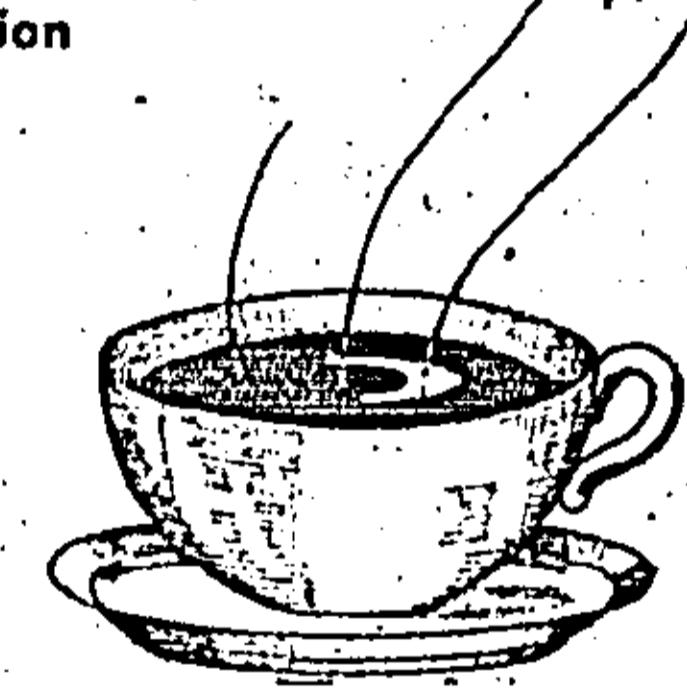


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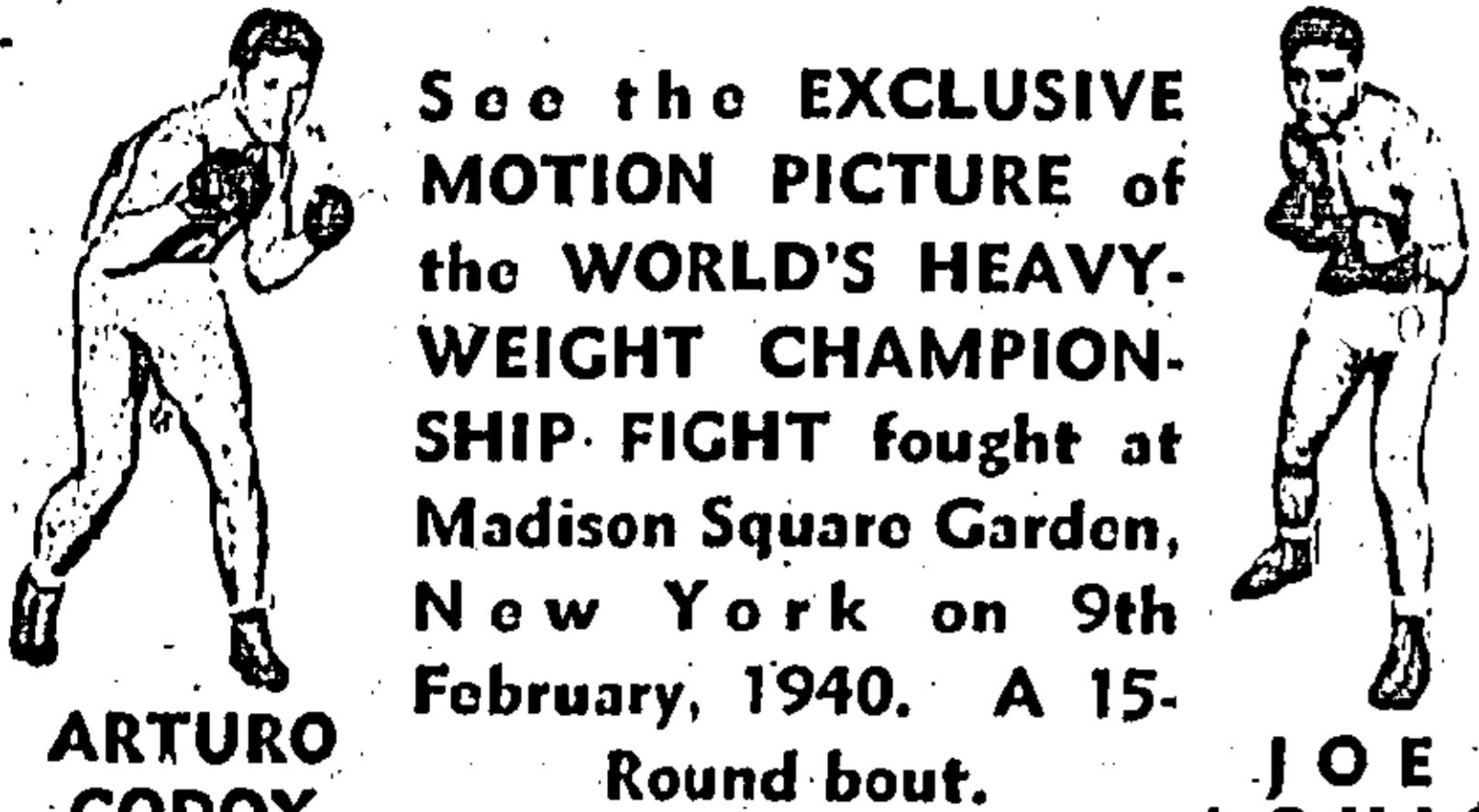


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### SPOTLIGHT ON GERMANY

#### SPY STORY AS "NAZI FACT"

A spy novel of the last war has provided Goering with documentary evidence of the "espionage" committed by the British Intelligence Service. Under the heading, "Confession of a British Agent," the newspaper, the National Zeitung, prints as fact one of the more colourful episodes in Somerset Maugham's tale "Ashenden."

"The Munich attempt and the numerous acts of sabotage during the past few years in Rumania and Yugoslavia have drawn attention to the British Secret Service. In a manner which it must find very unwelcome," says the newspaper. "Yet there is no lack of books about this secret organization of criminals. For many of those who have taken part in it there are not a few who are actually proud of their criminal activities."

"One of these is the English author, Somerset Maugham, who, in a book called "Ashenden," discloses 'some experiences of a very insignificant member of the Intelligence Department.' Among these experiences is a murder—in which, incidentally, the wrong person is killed by mistake—and an act of sabotage by which a factory is blown up, causing the death of many workers."

"The National Zeitung adds that the 'report of this latest incident is of special interest in view of the similar crimes recently committed in the Balkans. There follows an extract, occupying nearly half a page, describing an interview between Ashenden and a Polish agent."

"Ashenden" was published in 1928. The story has been made into a film under the title of "Secret Agent."

#### Badges for Troops

Gen. von Brauchitsch, Commander-in-Chief of the German Army, has instituted a new "decoration" to be known as the "assault badge." It will be awarded to non-motorised infantry of all ranks who distinguish themselves in attacks.

The corresponding decoration for armoured units will be the "armoured car badge."

#### War Tax on Wages

As a concession to wage-earners, the German Finance Minister, Herr Funk, has decreed that overtime pay shall no longer be liable to the special war surtax. This is, however, still levied on all basic wages of 54s. weekly and above. In addition, ordinary income-tax is payable on both wages and overtime pay.

A worker earning 60s. weekly pays 7s. income-tax and 2s. 6d. super-tax. Where overtime pay is earned, income-tax rises steeply. A labourer whose basic wage is 50s. a week pays 10 per cent. in tax. If he earns an extra 8s. for working on a holiday or at night, this is taxed at the rate of 18 per cent.

#### Old Shoes Collected

Collections of old shoes and other discarded leather articles are being organised throughout the Reich. The Berlin correspondent of the Genoa newspaper, Lavoro, reports that a new process has been devised for making a leather substitute, which must, however, contain a certain proportion of the genuine article.

#### Europe Up-to-Date

Purchasers of a new atlas just published in Germany are disappointed

THE King, in a special list of awards issued as a supplement to the "London Gazette" gives recognition to courage, endurance and devotion to duty shown by officers and men of the Royal Navy in the war at sea.

Confined to personnel of the Services the list is as liberal to crews of the "little ships" of the R.N.R.—the trawlers and drifters which sweep mines and hunt U-boats—as it is to those who man the bigger vessels of the R.N.

The "little ship" men have done as much as any successfully to smash the Nazi menace beneath the sea.

The King has made the submarine Ursula the proudest of his fighting craft for the awards received by her complement (already announced but now officially gazetted) make them, by comparison, the most decorated in the Fleet.

Twelve names of Ursula men appear in the list—those of the commanding officer, Lieutenant-Commander G. C. Phillips, two lieutenants and seven ratings—who are decorated, and of a sub-lieutenant and a chief petty officer, who are mentioned in dispatches.

The exploit which gained these honours for the submarine crewmen was the capture of the Ursula.

Penetrating the Heligoland minefield known as "Hitler's cabbage patch," she crept to the mouth of the Elbe and there sank a cruiser of the Koin class.

Six enemy destroyers screened the cruiser, but the Ursula dived beneath them, got a periscope sight of her victim and fired two torpedoes.

**Destroyer Attacks Evasion**

After skilfully evading attacks by four of the destroyers, the submarine rose impudently to the surface, and through her periscope saw two of the screening ships apparently searching for survivors.

There was no sign of the cruiser. Altogether, 200 names appear in the list.

Men in minelayers are decorated for "uniting energy, zeal and devotion to their arduous duty."

Others of the Nelson breed gain awards with the official tribute: "For undaunted courage, steadfastness, coolness and resource in saving ships and life at sea in the face of peril and adversity."

Men, who well earn their danger money in minesweepers, and others who fight Nazi underwater pirates, are gazetted for "undaunting courage, endurance and resource in their hard and perilous task of sweeping the seas clear of enemy mines and combating submarines."

**"For Cheerful Endurance"**

Awards gained in ships convoying Britain's foodstuffs are accompanied by these words: "For faithful devotion to the hazardous duty of

to find that the boundaries of the Fatherland do not extend beyond Bohemia and Moravia. The publishers have promised to send them, free of charge, a supplementary map showing the new eastern frontier.

"An atlas is an indispensable reference book for every German," says the Koelnische Zeitung's reviewer, "more especially in these times, when nations are in motion to remove old political injustices and thereby to wipe out potential sources of conflict which have always been hostile to peace."

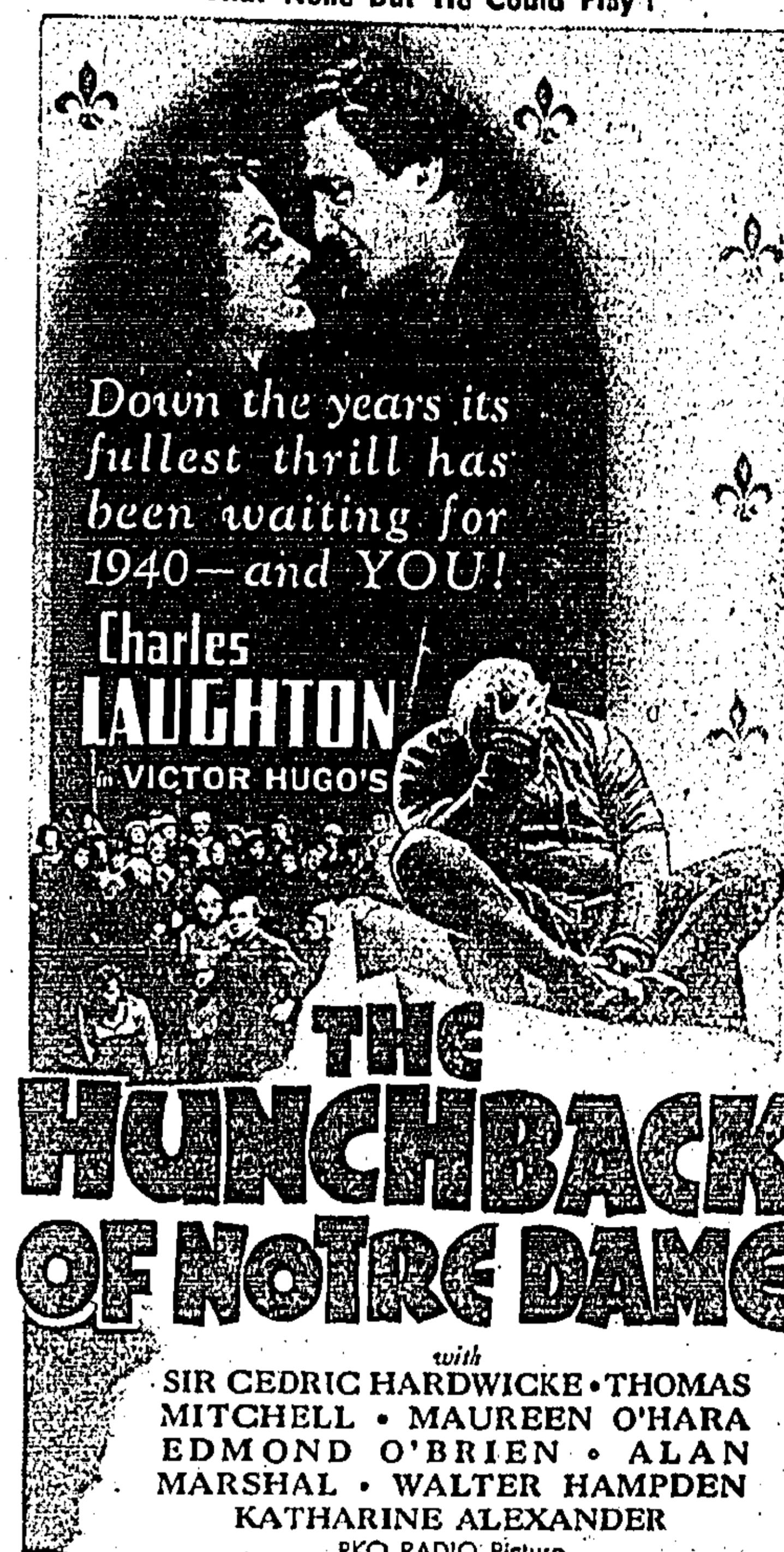
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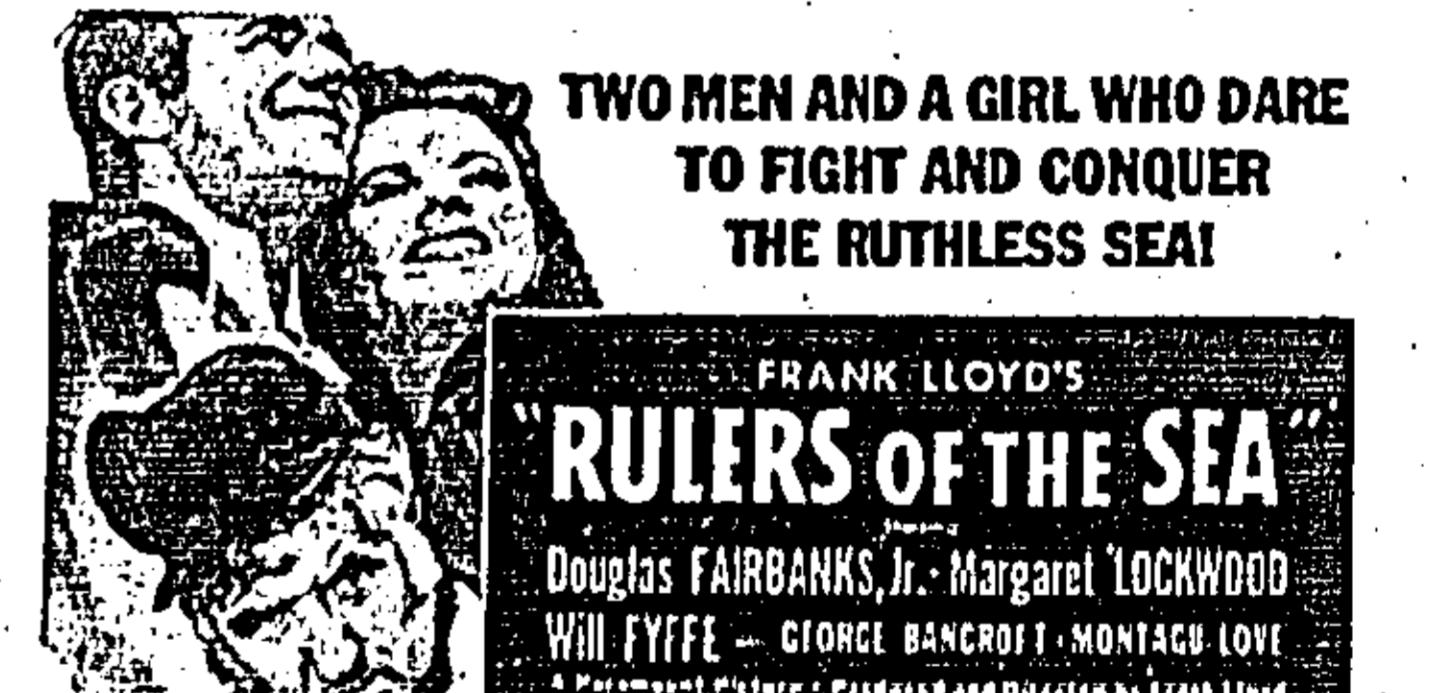


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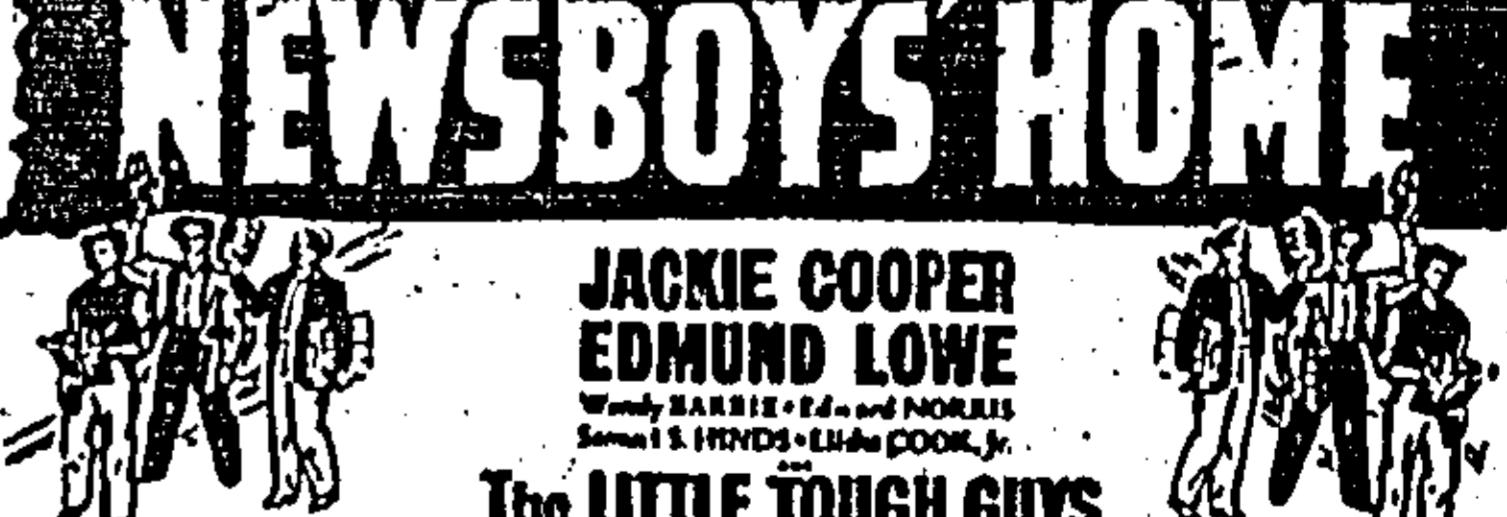
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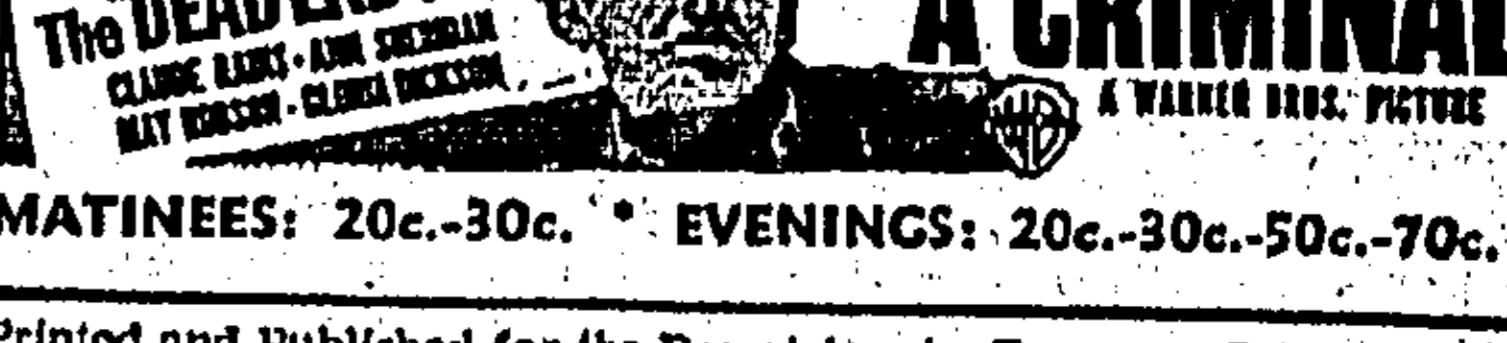


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H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.)	89. n
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Chartered	9. n
Mercantile, A. & B.	314. n
Mercantile, C. E.	124. n
East Asia	77. n

**INSURANCES**

Canton	225 b.
Union	40712. s.
China Underwriter	1. s.
H.K. Fire	185. b.

**SHIPPING**

Douglas	105 b.
Steamboats	104. n.
Indo-Chinas PS	100. n.
Indo-Chinas D.S.	80. n.
Shell (Bearers) S.	60/73. n.
Waterbank	71/2. n.

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Wharves	1021/2. b.
Docks	231/2. s.
Providents	5.4/4.95 s.
Sh. Docks Sh.	435/2. n.

**MINING**

Kallan	x.d. 18 n.
Raubs	10. n.
Venz. Gold	3.4. n.
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E. COCK,  
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Mine Operations

North Camarines

San Mauricio

Burias Con.

Buyo Con.

Camiguin Island

United Paracale

The following is Swan, Culberson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila Gold Share market closed quiet with little interest being shown.

Mindanao Motherlode was up fractionally, as was Baguio Gold, while Iligan took a 2 1/2 centavo rise.

Atoks, Demonstration and Antamok

were fractionally down and other issues remained unchanged from the previous day.

**G. R.**

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# By SOMERSET MAUGHAM

IT IS strange to see middle-aged women of determined aspect, the mothers of families, young women evidently not long married with painted lips and a permanent wave, tending an automatic machine in the crowded din of an armament works.

For thousands of women are working in factories in France. In most of them, I think, the wife was offered the job of her mobilised husband.

Many of them had never worked in a factory before, but I was told by various directors that they got into the way of it very quickly. I was not surprised, for after what I have seen I am ready to believe that the French woman can do anything she has a mind to.

But they have their homes to look after and their children to care for. In some factories they work only two weeks out of three, in others they are given every third day off, in either case with full pay, so that they should not lose touch with what after all are their essential interests and so that their children should run as little chance as possible of neglect.

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IT is grim to see this multitude of women occupied in making all manner of things to kill and maim the husbands and brothers of other women. In some work, the delicate and accurate work, for instance, that has to be put into making a



fuse, they are better than men. It is grim to see them so neatly painting and varnishing the cases of big shells.

It is grim to see them, rows and rows of them, at a factory of explosives making the base in which powder is to be poured, and, when they are filled, tying them up into neat parcels or packing them into metal cylinders.

## The Woman's Part In The War

There are many more who have given their money and their time to the numerous associations that have been instituted to cope with the manifold difficulties of the

beds in it, rugs to cover him and hot coffee. There are paper and pencils on a table so that he can write to his family or his girl, and the fact that in one station alone from 250 to 300 letters are written every night shows that he is glad of the opportunity.

Next door is a lavatory where he can wash his feet and put on a clean pair of socks; his own

moment. There are many who have set themselves, alone and obscure, to alleviate the distress, financial and moral, of their neighbours.

The Red Cross has founded 150 auxiliary hospitals, with nearly 20,000 beds, and has placed thousands of adequately trained nurses at the disposal of the authorities.

L'Union des Femmes de France sends parcels to the soldiers and has enrolled a host of women and girls to make jumpers, socks and scarves for the soldiers, but besides this, it has embarked upon two undertakings, one of which shows, to my mind, a touching thoughtfulness and of which the other peculiarly interests me as a professional writer.

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MEN on leave, or transferred from one post to another, often arrive at a station, where they have to spend the best part of the night before the train starts.

They are tired and hungry, maybe wet through, and they have perhaps little money in their pockets. L'Union des Femmes de France offers them shelter.

A woman opens the door and invites the weary soldier to come in. He finds a warm room with

MADEMOISELLE B. is evidently a young woman of determination, for during the luncheon hour, lunch being served at a canteen, she has set the women to knit scarves, socks and sweaters of the employees of the factory who are mobilised.

There is a fund to which each worker contributes a few sous so that little luxuries may be added to the parcels.

Madeleine B. must be a person of intelligence, energy and initiative; and of course the end of the story should be orange blossom and marriage bells; but whether she should marry the owner of the factory or a young son of toil who has returned from the front with the Croix de Guerre the reader must decide for himself.

There are vast numbers of women in France who are quietly doing obscure and humble tasks of which no one will ever hear.

There was a baker who made bread for the whole district and his wife with her handcart delivered it in the surrounding hamlets.

He was called up, and since he was the only baker in the neighbourhood it would have been a poor look out for everyone if the wife had left behind had not set to work to make and bake the bread herself at night and deliver it as usual by day.

And so everywhere the women of France, with wonderful patience, with their sense of affairs and with fortitude, are in a large part maintaining the prosperity of the country.

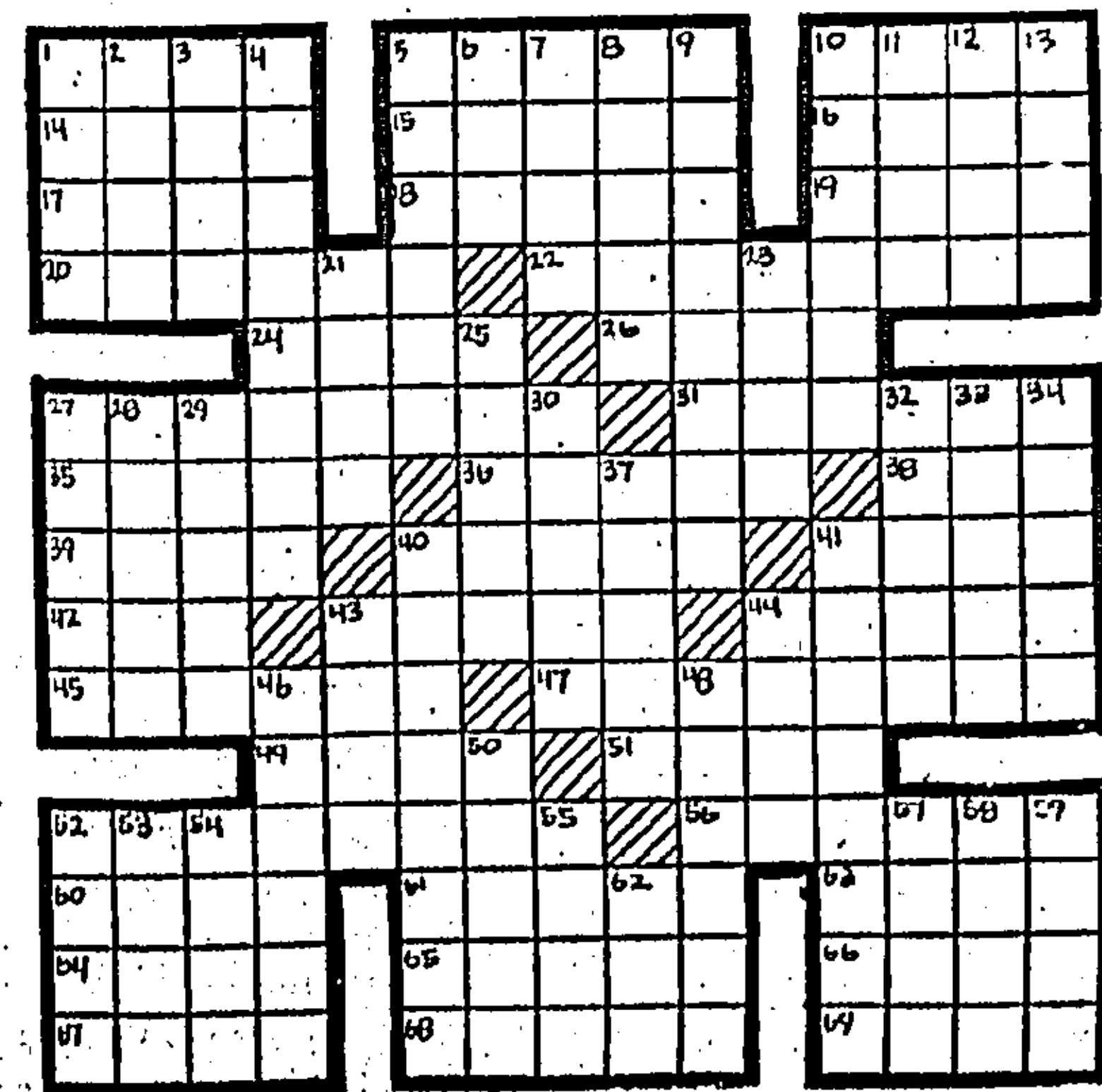
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IN rural districts they are looking after the horses and cattle that have not been requisitioned and getting the fruitful soil ready for next har-

### Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS	ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE
1—Alexander	Measuring device
5—Checked, as breath	Operate villain
10—Painful fit of rage	Berger
14—Brazilian palm tree	Latin emperor
15—Image of worship	Consumer
16—Ankle garter	Expands
17—Letters of clemency	Judicial order
20—Answered in kind	Loans
21—Dove's skin	Married
22—Tear	Examination
23—Accented	Person
24—Dress of body	And one
25—Urge on	Loud cry
26—Urge on	Recipient of gift
27—Scientific division of life	African rat-eater
28—Feline and animal life	Elephant
29—Hides	Deceit
30—King of signals	Relations
31—Zebu's bark	Female relatives
32—Whistola	Long-necked animals
33—Polo (coll.)	Extravagance
34—Small chemical	Ego
35—Falling feet	Blister
36—Palacial instrument	Attack
37—Tributary of Danube	Reapportion
38—To sheltered side	Revolving
39—Lined aniline dye	Revolving
40—Human emperor	Revolving
41—Horse	Revolving
42—Pistols (slang)	Pistol
43—Alkaline	Revolving
44—To vein of ore	Revolving
45—Eaten	Revolving
46—DOWN	Revolving
47—Opposite of alkali	Revolving
48—Vein of ore	Revolving
49—Cravat	Revolving



### INDIAN TROOPS

Cairo, Feb. 28.

With artillery booming, Indian troops went into action in the desert to-day in a series of exercises which will last a month. The defending force established its field headquarters under date palms in the ruins of Memphis and Bren guns and field pieces were camouflaged with palm branches.

While the motorised enemy columns trying to destroy the canals and bridges of the Nile Valley advanced from the western desert, Jats, Rajputs, Punjabis and Hazarawalis, cunningly hidden in the sandy gullies, guarded a 16-mile front. They had to wait the whole night watching with telescopes and waiting for the enemy in a silence broken only by the occasional howl of a jackal. One Indian was posted with a telephone at the summit of a pyramid.

The Indians thoroughly entered into the spirit of the exercises, which they treated as the real thing.

The British, New Zealand and Egyptian armies are also carrying out exercises, and large scale manoeuvres involving the combined armies are likely to be staged.

The friendliness of the troops of different nationalities strikingly demonstrates the Empire solidarity. The New Zealanders are mixing with the Indians and all are welcomed by the Egyptians in the Cairo bazaars. The Dominion troops salute the Indian officers with enthusiasm.

A half hour programme of Indian music is broadcast every night from Cairo for the benefit of the troops encamped in the desert. A special club for Indian troops will be inaugurated on March 4 under the presidency of Lady Lampson. Reuter.

are washed and mended and passed on to another man. He gets a good sleep and a kindly woman wakes him when his train is due. He leaves rested not only in body but in spirit.

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FOR months now the French soldier has had to stand the hardest possible trial to one of his ardent temper—he has had to wait; and his spirit craving for occupation demands reading matter.

L'Union des Femmes de France issued an appeal for this

vest; in the towns they are keeping the shops open and running their men's business.

Women are taking over the practice of the doctors who have been mobilised. In the schools women teachers have taken over the work of men teachers and uncomplainingly added it to their own.

I will finish my article with one trifling observation I have made which seems to me somewhat curious.

Since the beginning of the war the hair of many of the women in France has been growing rapidly darker at the roots.

Whether this is due to the anxiety natural to the circumstances

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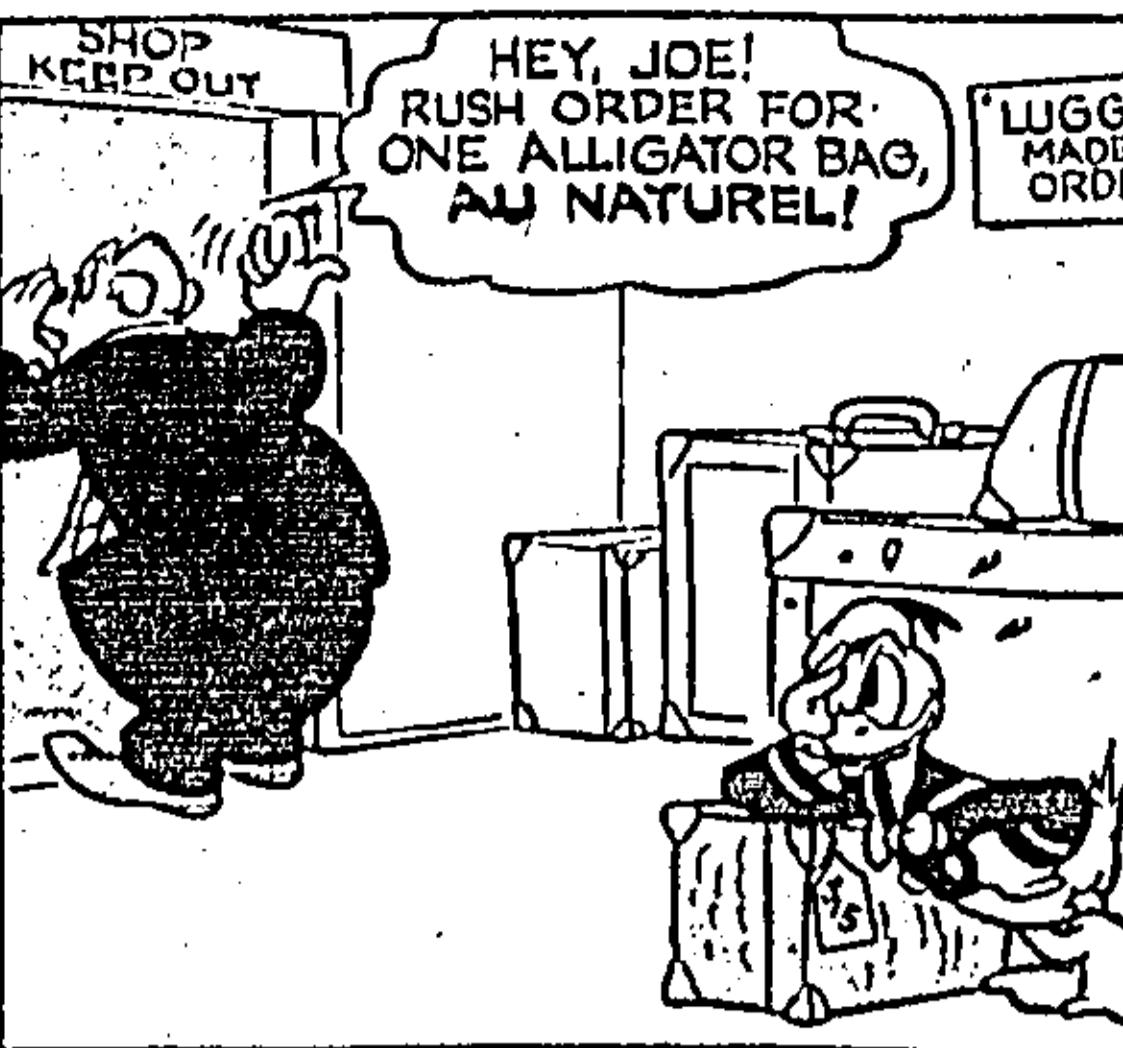
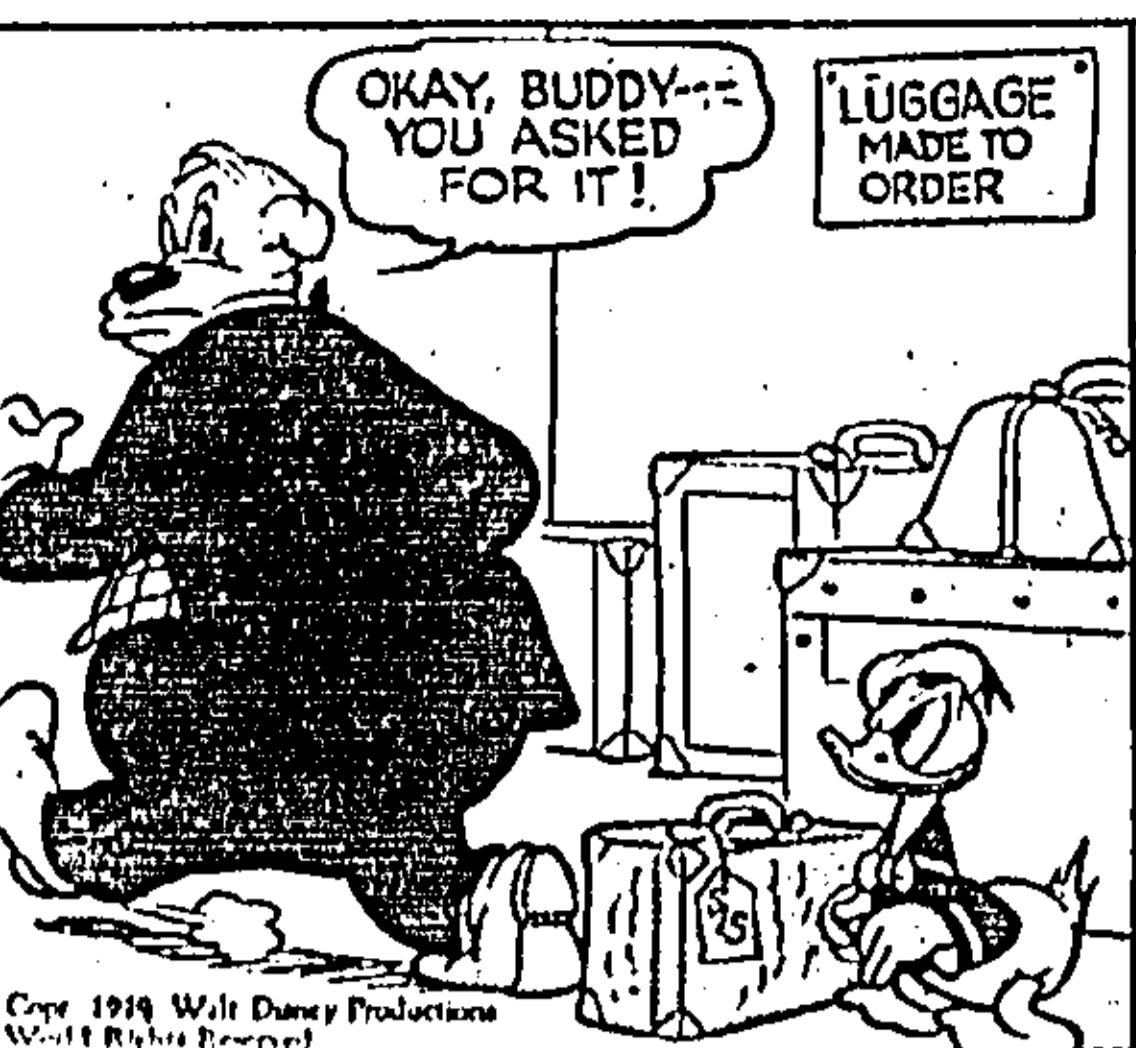
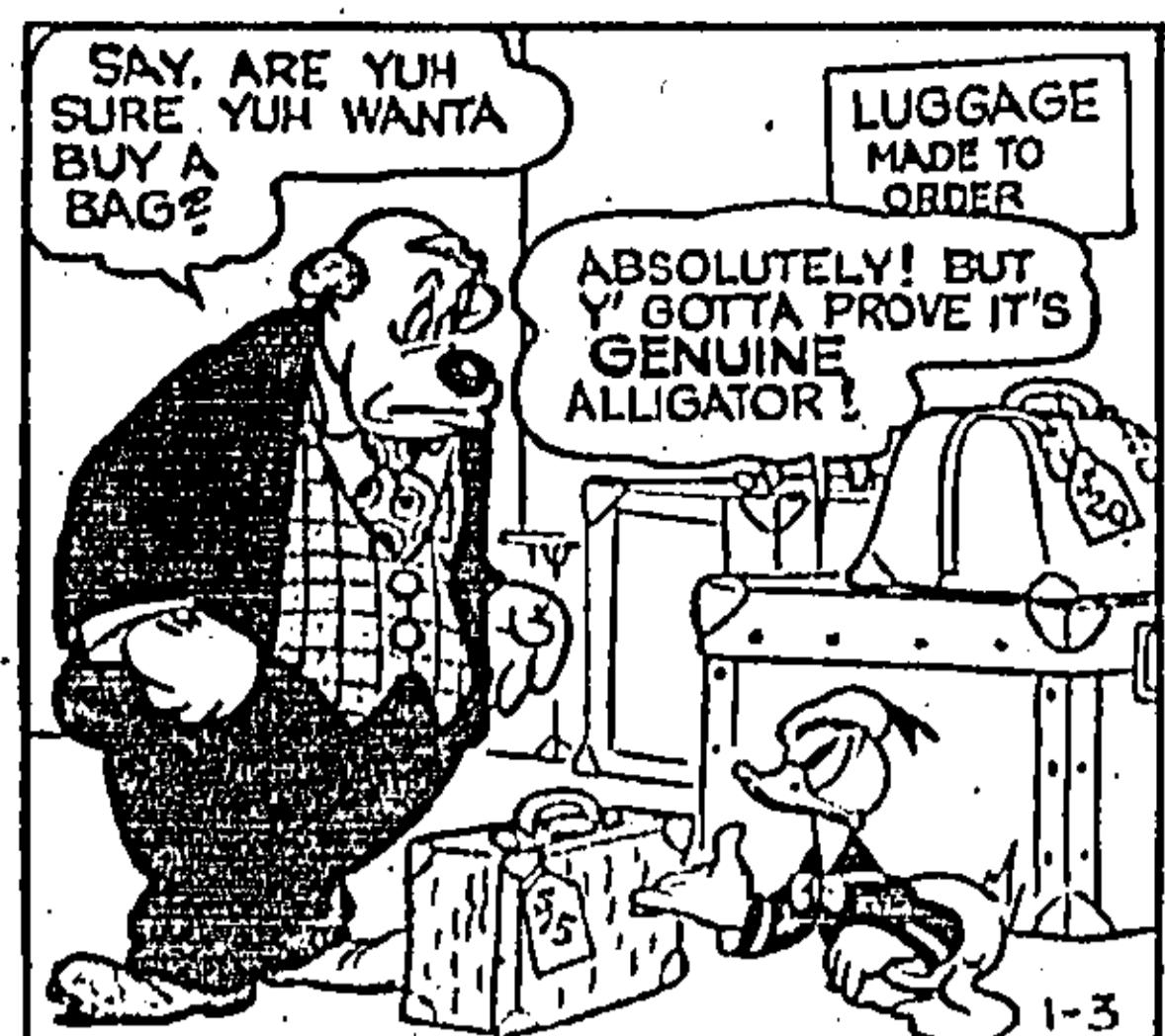
or to some more obscure cause, I am not competent to say.

I will, however, hazard the surmise that if the war continues much longer there will be few blondes in France for gentlemen to prefer.

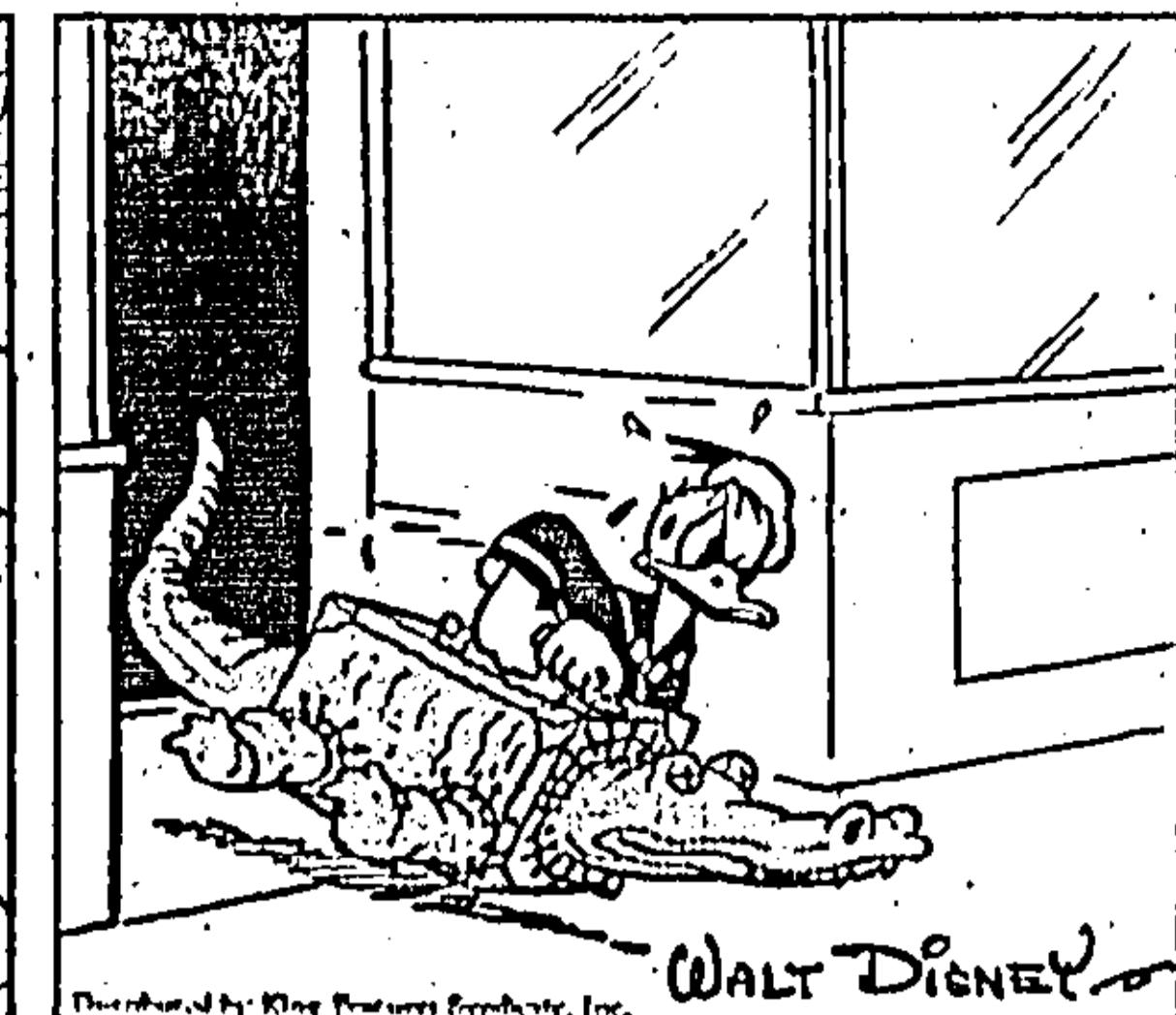
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## HONGKONG STEAMER RESCUES 13 MEN

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Homeward bound from the Far East, the Hongkong-built Glenorchy passed through a large patch of oil floating on the water.

She was on her maiden voyage, after her launching at the Taikoo Docks in Hongkong.

Half an hour later, Captain William Christie of the Glenorchy sighted an open boat about 80 miles from the Spanish coast.

There were no signs of life in the open boat so the Glenorchy circled round and sounded her whistle.

"Immediately," Captain Christie said, "the boat came to life with heads and waving arms."

It contained the Captain, Chief Engineer and eleven men of the Dutch motor tanker Den Haag, 8,971 ton, which was lost on a voyage from New York to Rotterdam. The Den Haag was carrying 11,000 tons of oil products.

## Lain Down To Die

The men, who were exhausted and starving after drifting for four days, had lain down to die.

Nothing is known of the fate of 26 other members of the crew of the Den Haag who took to two other boats.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Prime Minister has set up a Committee to consider how the best services of voluntary bodies can be used to deal with the social problems that have arisen or may arise as the result of the war.

Local oil circles make no comment on the announcement which, if true, would indicate a split in the policy of the oil interests involved in the expropriation.



THE GLENORCHY photographed as she was being launched in Hongkong.

## ZURICH CHEERS WELLES

ZURICH, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Sumner Welles arrived here this afternoon and was cheered in the station by a crowd of about 1,000 people.

He drove straight to his hotel. He will have no official contact with members of the Swiss Government during his stay here.

He is expected to leave for Berlin to-morrow afternoon.

## GREAT BATTLE RAGES FOR SHELL-WRECKED VIBORG

## Soviet Attempt To Drive Along Gulf of Finland

STOCKHOLM, FEB. 28 (REUTER).—A GREAT BATTLE FOR THE DESERTED AND SHELL-WRECKED TOWN OF VIBORG HAS BEEN RAGING ALL DAY.

WHILE THE FINNISH ARTILLERY HAS BEEN POUNDING THE RUSSIANS ROUND THE BAY OF VIBORG THEIR NEWLY-ARRIVED FOREIGN WARPLANES HAVE BEEN MAKING INTENSIVE BOMBING RAIDS ON THE RUSSIAN LINES.

Bombs which were dropped on the ice hurled tanks, guns and men into the icy waters beneath.

Because of the more easily defended nature of the ground, experts in Helsingfors have little doubt that the Finnish forces at Viborg will continue to hold out.

To-night there was a considerable rise in the temperature which gives hope that the weather may come forward and hamper the Soviet onslaught.

## WEATHER IMPEDES RUSSIANS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

KIRKENAES, Feb. 28 (UP).—Little activity continues in the Petsamo region where the Russian air force's action has been stopped by cold weather, the thermometer showing 20 degrees below zero (Centigrade).

The Russian troops have not yet taken advantage of the Finnish retreat and the advanced Russian positions are reported to have not yet made a move to the south. Any attempt to do this is hampered by snow and the rough terrain.

Finnish patrols have been active in the vicinity of their previous positions at Hoysesjaervi thus enabling their artillery to find the change of Russian's positions.

It is expected that the Russians will continue their attempts to advance to the south in order to eventually reach the Gulf of Bothnia.

**Reds Hammer At Viborg**

HELSINGFORS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The fighting in Finland is heaviest in the Viborg area at the moment.

One report says that the Soviets have brought two fresh Soviet divisions up into action.

They made a terrific attempt to reach Viborg but the Finns say that they are firmly entrenched in positions, taken up a week ago.

The Finns too have brought up reinforcements, some of them being foreign volunteers.

Soviet claims that they have taken more positions are denied.

**Russians' Heavy Losses**

On the contrary the Russians have suffered heavy losses.

The loss of the fortresses of Kovisto does not seem to have made much difference to the Finnish position so far.

There are as yet no signs that the fortress, which was dismantled by the Finns before they withdrew, is being used against the Finnish defences.

The Soviet bombing on Tuesday has decreased somewhat.

Hango is again the chief object of attack but so far only one casualty has been reported.

Meanwhile Finnish aeroplanes are busy and are reported to have attacked a Soviet air base and munitions dump far behind the Soviet lines.

**Kermit Roosevelt To Lead Volunteers**

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Major Kermit Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt and relative of President Roosevelt, has decided to apply for permission to resign his commission in the British Army to lead international volunteers to Finland.

**British Volunteers**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It has been announced that Kermit Roosevelt has been appointed commander of the British Volunteer unit proceeding to Finland.

Mr. Roosevelt is on sick leave from the Middlesex Regiment, and it is expected that he will resign his commission.

Meanwhile several hundred British volunteers have taken the oath "Honesty and faithfulness to defend the cause of Finland."

## Lloyd George Wants Bigger Air Force

Urge Retaliation If Necessary

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Speaking to-day at a Dorchestor Hotel luncheon, Mr. Lloyd George emphasised the need for a stronger air force and declared: "If it is necessary, make it clear—that if there are any attacks on our citizens at home it will not end in Britain. I am for that, once we are committed to war."

"The nation has agreed that our cause is just. We are fighting for international right. We are also agreed that we will have to go through with it until we reach an honourable, equitable and enduring peace. That is what matters in war."

"**Better A Long War**"

"There is one thing I want to say is an old war Prime Minister—better a long war than a mean get out."

Appealing to his hearers to remember that during the war we had to feed not merely armed forces but 40,000,000 people, Mr. Lloyd George said: "Germany forgot it last time. She depended on her great armies. She was starved to surrender. She learned a lesson. Have we?"

## IMPERSONATION CHARGE WAIVED

Man Banished From H.K. As Destitute

A charge of impersonating a police officer against Chan Cheung, 29, unemployed, was withdrawn by the Police this morning, when Chan appeared before Mr. Sheldon at the Central Magistracy. On a second count of larceny of 10 cents from a Sif, 34, a carpenter, Chan was expelled from the Colony as a destitute.

Sgt. J. Bentley said Yu was in the Southorn Playground, Wan Chai, yesterday when Chan and three other men approached, claimed they were policemen, and searched him. One of the men took 19 cents from Yu's pocket and all then fled. Yu pursued them and Chan was caught by a district watchman.

Chan denied he had impersonated a policeman, and Yu admitted that Chan had not mentioned he was a policeman when he was stopped and searched.

Sgt. Bentley ~~thereupon~~ withdrew the first charge.

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Colonel A. C. Munro, of the Indian Medical Service, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the King.

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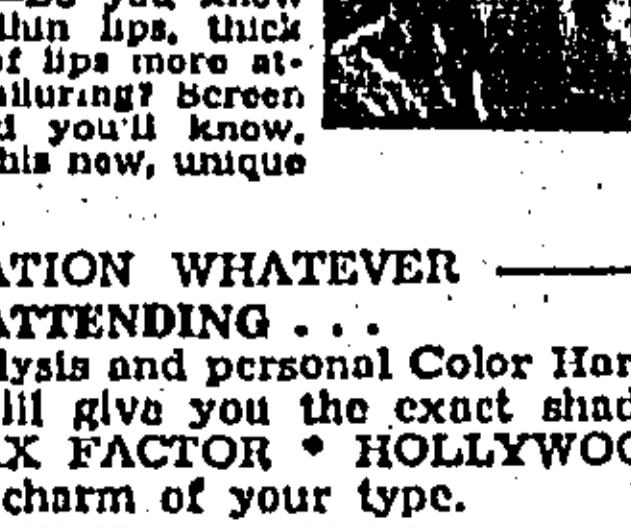
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# PRISON AS SEQUEL TO ROBBERY

## Four Men Sentenced To-day At Criminal Sessions

One man was sentenced to five years' hard labour and three others to three years' hard labour each by Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell at the Criminal Sessions to-day in connection with a robbery that occurred in British Waters on November 16, last.

The accused were Chan Wai, Chau Tal, Kwok Lai and Wong Kam-shui. First accused was charged with receiving stolen property and the other three with robbery.

Mr. E. H. Williams, Crown Counsel, prosecuted, with the assistance of Detective Sub-Inspector R. Cunningham.

Jury members were Messrs. W. J. Carroll (Foreman), W. Kly-ylu, K. L. M. Chudron, S. A. Lehman, Wm. Mallock, A. R. de Pinnia and J. G. Bula.

### Robbery Described

Mr. Williams said that Chan Macheung, the complainant, was sailing at Mak Mun, on November 16 with a cargo of wood oil, pigs, and copper cents, when robbers approached and subsequently made off with the cargo.

Chan had left Chinese territory with his cargo on the day previous and with him were the junk's crew and four travelling traders. About 4 p.m. on November 16 Chan was close to Fu Tau Mun, when a boat with five or six persons came alongside.

Three of the strangers alleged to be Kwok Lai, Chau Tal and Wong Kam-shui boarded Chan's junk armed with a rifle and two revolvers. Complainant and his men were herded into the junk's hold and later they heard tins of oil and bags of copper cents being transferred to the robbers' boat. Still later, they heard the robbers shouting, and on the approach of another sampan, the cargo of pigs and eggs were removed.

When Chan and the others eventually gained the deck again they found they were adrift and that the robbers and the cargo had disappeared. The junk's sails were missing, and complainant and the others were subsequently sighted by a passing steamer and taken to Hongkong.

### Boy's Vital Evidence

On board the robbers' boat was a 15-year-old cook named Chan Ngau, said Mr. Williams, and he would say that Chan Wai was the master of the junk and that the other three accused were members of the crew. The boat went to Chinese territory on business and there arms were obtained from a place called Sam Mun, and they started on the return voyage.

First accused was not on board, and the youth would say that Chan Tal, Kwok Lai and Wong went on board the cargo junk and were arrested. They later sailed back to Cheung Chau where part of the cargo was transferred to first accused, who superintended the unloading of the stolen cargo.

Counsel said there was evidence that first accused disposed of a certain amount of pigs to a pork dealer at Cheung Chau on November 19, and that he went to a grocer's store and sold wood oil and copper cents for which he received about \$700. On December 6, the police acted on information and arrested all the accused in a house at Cheung Chau.

Following the prosecution's evidence, first accused said he had not known that the goods he had sold had been stolen. He had been asked to sell them, and the proceeds were not retained by him.

Second accused said he had not known what he had been arrested for. He was accused of a robbery in which he had really not taken part.

Third accused admitted the offence and said he had done it because he had no food to eat. He had a cargo of fish and had sailed his boat to Chinese territory. "But unfortunately, the Japanese robbed me of the whole cargo. So I was a destitute and I had to do this for a living," he concluded.

Fourth accused also averred that he had been innocently accused.

### Verdict Without Retiring

The Jury found the accused guilty without retiring.

Mr. Williams said that accused had no previous convictions, but this type of offence was very prevalent, particularly in that area.

Referring to first accused, His Lordship said he could not help but draw the inference that he was the organiser of the affair and had waited at Cheung Chau.

First accused was sentenced to five years' imprisonment, and the others to three years.

## SAITO MAY CAUSE PARTY SPLIT

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Leaders of the Minseito Party this morning considered the case involving Mr. Takuio Saito, veteran member of the Party who made a slip of the tongue when interpellating in the Diet on February 2. They decided to hold a meeting of the Party members on March 1 to make a formal decision regarding Mr. Saito.

Despite the fact that many members of the Minseito Party this morning opposed Mr. Saito's expulsion and favoured a long term suspension, as the maximum punishment, the president of the Party and other leaders strongly expressed the opinion that expulsion could be deferred.

The "Kokumin Shimbun" forecasts that expulsion will ultimately be decided, although a split in the Minseito Party may be possible.

## The Home Food Front

### Premier Appeals For More Production

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—An appeal for the stimulation of agricultural products was made by Mr. Chamberlain, the Premier, when addressing the Chairman of the County War Agricultural Executive Committee this afternoon.

He said that we are turning the country into a huge armaments workshop thereby placing a strain upon shipping which did not exist in peace-time.

He declared that our shipping losses, though substantial, compare in trifling proportion to the volume of our shipping. It had been necessary, he said, to adopt measures which would add to the safety but which were not in themselves economic.

In addition to the amount of shipping at our disposal another limiting factor in importation are our resources in foreign exchange.

### 2,000,000 Acres

A way out of the dilemma is to increase home production of food.

Some venerable prophets of agriculture say that Government's programme of two million acres is much too low a figure but two million was chosen as the highest figure we thought was obtainable in the time, he continued.

The programme has been handicapped by weather but it should still be possible to attain this programme if everybody puts his back into it.

The War Cabinet would be behind the farmers in their effort and the Premier had asked the Lord Privy Seal to identify himself personally with the campaign.

Referring to reports that some farmers were hesitating to contract for sugar beet because they were afraid there would be insufficient labour work on the crops, Mr. Chamberlain gave a definite assurance that Government would take whatever steps were necessary to see that the crops when grown are harvested.

The Premier also gave an emphatic denial of any idea that the farmers will be treated any worse than industrial factories.

There is a limit to the amount that can be spent in subsidies, he said, and it is essential to keep away from the vicious spiral in which prices and wages go chasing each other.

Regarding the position after the war, Mr. Chamberlain declared that Government is determined, if they are still in office, that agriculture will not be allowed to collapse as it did the last time.

Mr. Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning contacts with neutrals with a view to establishing a better world order after the war had been sent to all American representatives abroad so that they could bring them to the attention of the governments to which they were accredited.

## PALESTINE PROBLEMS

### Labour Objects To New Land Regulations

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—The High Commissioner in Palestine has issued regulations for certain areas governing the transfer of land.

The rules provide for two zones.

In the first place, the transfer of land to anyone who is not a Palestinian Arab is prohibited generally.

In other zone limits the sales of land have already been held by Palestinian Arabs.

They will not be allowed to transfer such land to non-Palestinian Arabs without the High Commissioner's permission.

This will be granted only in special circumstances such as for schemes for irrigation or for developments which are in the joint interests of both Arabs and Jews.

The regulations were announced in the House of Commons by Mr. Malcolm MacDonald who said that the text of the regulations has been sent to the League of Nations Council together with a memorandum in case any member of the Council wanted to ask for a meeting to discuss the matter.

### Flouting League

The Rt. Hon. Mr. C. R. Attlee protested against this way of handling the matter. It paid no regard to the Council, he said, and the Government was flouting the League of Nations' authority.

Mr. MacDonald denied that Government was disregarding the League of Nations.

The matter could be discussed by the League if the Council felt it necessary, he said.

In view of the prevailing conditions there was no practical objection to the setting out of the regulations in draft form, he said, and suspending all action until the League considered them. The Rt. Hon. L. Amery, Conservative member, said that some Government members had misgivings while another Conservative member asked why these regulations should be introduced now after six months of peace in Palestine.

He was informed that the peace might be threatened if the regulations did not come into effect.

## Preparing For Aftermath

### Cordell Hull And Post-War Problems

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (Reuters).—Mr. Cordell Hull, the U.S. Secretary of State, stated to-day that conversations were under way between American diplomats and foreign governments all over the world in the interest of preventing the forces of autarchy, regimentation and totalitarianism from gaining control after the end of war.

Mr. Hull revealed that copies of his recent statements concerning contacts with neutrals with a view to establishing a better world order after the war had been sent to all American representatives abroad so that they could bring them to the attention of the governments to which they were accredited.

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## VLADIVOSTOK AS BLOCKADE AREA

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Feb. 28 (UP).—It has been learned from reliable sources that Great Britain has opened discussions with Canada regarding the possibility of establishing Contraband Control bases on the west coast of Canada to check traffic from the United States and other Pacific territories to Vladivostok.

It is understood that Britain has also re-opened conversations with Washington regarding the United States exports of rubber, tin and copper to Vladivostok for the Soviet Government.

This action is said to have followed demands in the House of Commons for an extension of the economic blockade against Germany.

Authoritative quarters here have stated that besides Canadian ports on the Pacific, the ports of Hong-kong and Singapore and such islands as the Fiji group may be used by the British Navy to block Russia's traffic in commodities designed for re-export to Germany. The amounts reaching Germany by that route are, however, thought to be relatively small.

## Soviet Policy In Pacific

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, Feb. 28 (UP).—The newspaper "Yomiuri" said the reported strengthening of the Russian Naval defences in the Far East is a matter of serious concern to Japan.

It says that the Soviet Vice-Commissioner of Navy has announced that the Soviet Union is stationing 100 submarines, 12 torpedo boats and other auxiliary craft in Far Eastern waters with their base in Vladivostok.

It may be Russia's right to carry out such a policy, but whether it is expedient under the existing state of Japanese-Soviet relations is very doubtful.

## Naval Race Dangers

The paper points to the trade negotiations at present in progress in Moscow and the mutual agreement to establish a border commission to settle the boundary disputes as evidence of better Russo-Japanese relations.

It warns Russia that a naval race between the two countries might hinder the efforts to reach a satisfactory settlement of pending issues. If Russia aims to strengthen her Pacific fleet, Japan must seriously consider counter-measures, apart from efforts to adjust diplomatic relations.

## Volunteer For Common Cause

## Jews And Arabs Land In France

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The first batch of men from Palestine to form part of the British Expeditionary Force arrived at a French port to-day, telephoned "Reuter's" correspondent with the B.E.F.

They consist of about 700 men, all volunteers, 75 per cent being Jews and the rest Arabs. They will be attached to the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps to work on communications of unskilled labourers.

"Reuter's" correspondent somewhere in France says that General Sir Walter Kirke, Commander-in-Chief of Home Forces, has arrived at General Headquarters to inspect the British Zone.

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## THE NAVY SPIRIT

## Exploits Recounted To House Of Commons

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Following Mr. Churchill's brilliant speech on the Navy Vote in the House of Commons on Tuesday, Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, gave members some details of the spirit of the Royal Navy.

He told of one ship which before Christmas was looking for the Deutschtand.

One night, a light was seen on the horizon that might have been the quarry.

**From Hot Bath To Frozen Deck**

Every man on board rushed to points of vantage. A 15-year-old Argentine seaman who was soaking in a hot bath at the time rushed up as he was onto the deck where the temperature was around 20 degrees Fahrenheit.

He stood on the pompon deck to look at what to him was the Mecca of his dreams.

In another case a warship put into port for repairs. She had 350 tons of ballast on board. This had to be moved.

The Captain was told that it would take 24 hours. The ship could not afford to wait that long so the Captain appealed to his crew.

Led by the Captain they got to work on the ballast and moved it all in an hour and a half.

## Press Pleased By Speech

## Mr. Churchill's Oration Well Received

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Mr. Winston Churchill's Navy vote speech on Tuesday was the subject of today's Press comment as expected.

The "Yorkshire Post" says that the speech was vigorous and confident but not for one moment complacent.

The "Daily Telegraph" stresses

Mr. Churchill's remarks that he was wrong when he said that Germany was building two U-boats a week.

Germany may reach that figure in the future, but she had not done so up to the end of 1939, whereas we are maintaining our figure of destroying two to four a week.

**Best Summing-Up**

The "Yorkshire Post" however, probably best sums up the opinions of the British Press when it concludes its leading article by remarking: "No one can read Mr. Churchill's speech without feeling heart-felt gratitude to our sailors of every rank and grade. It is certain that we shall have much further cause for gratitude before the year is out."

## VIDE GRAF SPEE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (UP).—Commenting on Mr. Winston Churchill's "brilliant admission" that the British battleships Nelson and Barham have been damaged, the D.N.B. (Official German News Agency) says:

"The suppression of damages and losses inflicted on the British Navy by German submarines is intended to neutralise doubts as to the striking power of the British Navy."

PARIS, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—An official communiqué issued to-day states that all has been quiet on the front.

L. O. Manners.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27 (Domei).—The "Philadelphia Inquirer" to-day splashed a story of the alleged conclusion of a secret agreement between the United States and Canada regarding the defence of the Pacific Coast.

The report asserts that the American Army and Air Force in Alaska.

The paper further asserts that the joint defence scheme was formulated when a delegation of the Canadian Defence Ministry visited Washington in 1938 and met United States Army and Naval officials.

Secondly, construction of Canadian air bases on Queen Charlotte Islands and at Prince Albert.

Thirdly, reinforcement of the

## PANAMA CANAL DEFENCES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28 (UP).—A resolution has been presented to Congress asking the administration to acquire land bases to help defend the Panama Canal, "against any possible military activity by any non-American power."

The acquisition of land on the north coast of South America, or islands off the coast for an army base similar to that under construction at Puerto Rico to protect the Canal, has been suggested.

## COMPELLED TO SAVE

## Commons Hears Keynes Plan To Finance War

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—A scheme for compulsory saving during the war which was recently propounded by the well-known economist, Mr. J. M. Keynes, came within the Parliamentary orbit to-night when Mr. Keynes addressed 250 members of the House of Commons of all parties.

Mr. Keynes argued that the rising proportion of all wages over a certain minimum figure should be compulsorily invested until the end of the war when repayments would increase the purchasing power and tend to counteract the trade depression.

A family allowance should be granted amounting to 5s. weekly for every child under 15 years of age and capital levy should be imposed after the war.

Mr. Keynes arranged to meet members of the House of Commons again for a further discussion.

His scheme was also mentioned in the House of Lords when a debate took place on National Economics.

## Not Rejected

Lord Hankey, replying to the debate, said that Mr. Keynes' plea for deferred pay had not been rejected by the Government.

He intimated that before adopting compulsion the Government must see whether loans could not be obtained voluntarily and quoted figures showing that there had been a reduction in civilian buying.

As the war effort developed, he said, there will have to be greater curtailment of civilian consumption.

## Retrenchment In Buying

Lord Stamer declared that such retrenchment in civilian buying was possible before the national as a whole had to live on a lower standard than in 1914.

## Income Tax In S. Africa

## Not To Be Increased To Finance War

CAPETOWN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Presenting the War Budget to the Assembly, the Minister of Finance, Mr. J. H. Hofmeyr, stated that the estimated revenue in 1940-41 on the existing basis of taxation was £44,860,000, excluding the amounts accrued to the state in respect of the price of gold in excess of 150 shillings per ounce.

The estimated expenditure is £45,595,000.

Dealing with the proposed taxation, Mr. Hofmeyr announced the creation of a War Expenses Account and estimated that £14,000,000 would be required, of which £2,250,000 is at present available.

Referring to the taxation of gold mines, he announced the abandonment of provision limiting gold-mining companies' proceeds to 150 shillings an ounce. As recompense, he proposed to impose on the gold-mining industry a special contribution of £3,500,000.

The general object is particularly to benefit low-grade mines and mines outside Witwatersrand.

An excess profits duty of 10 shillings in the pound would be imposed but would not apply to gold or diamond mining industries.

Mr. Hofmeyr proposed a further two shillings in the pound as a special contribution by the diamond industry.

The basis of the normal income tax and super-tax is not to be altered, but the 30 per cent. rebate on both individuals and companies would be withdrawn.

## GRAF SPEE SOLD

MONTEVIDEO, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—It is stated in shipping circles here that the wreck of the Graf Spee has been sold by the German authorities to an Argentine steel firm.

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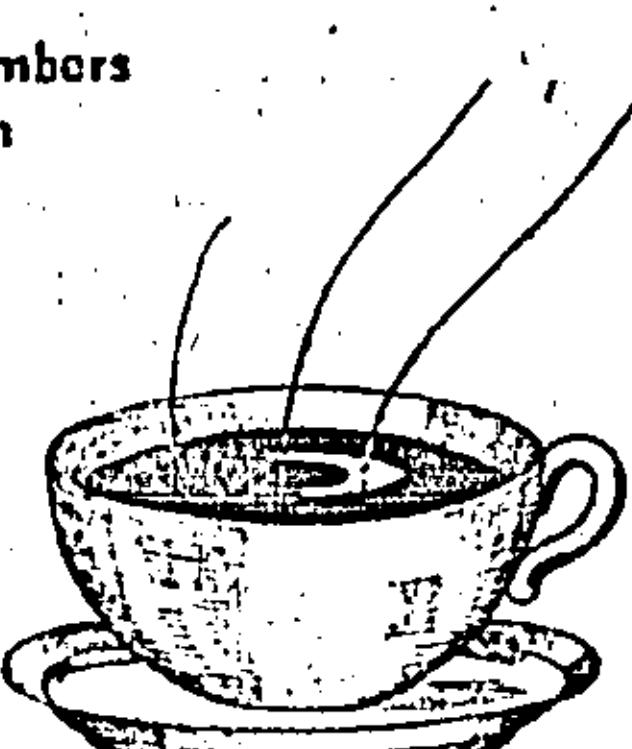
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U.S. Newspaper Alleges Secret Defence Treaty

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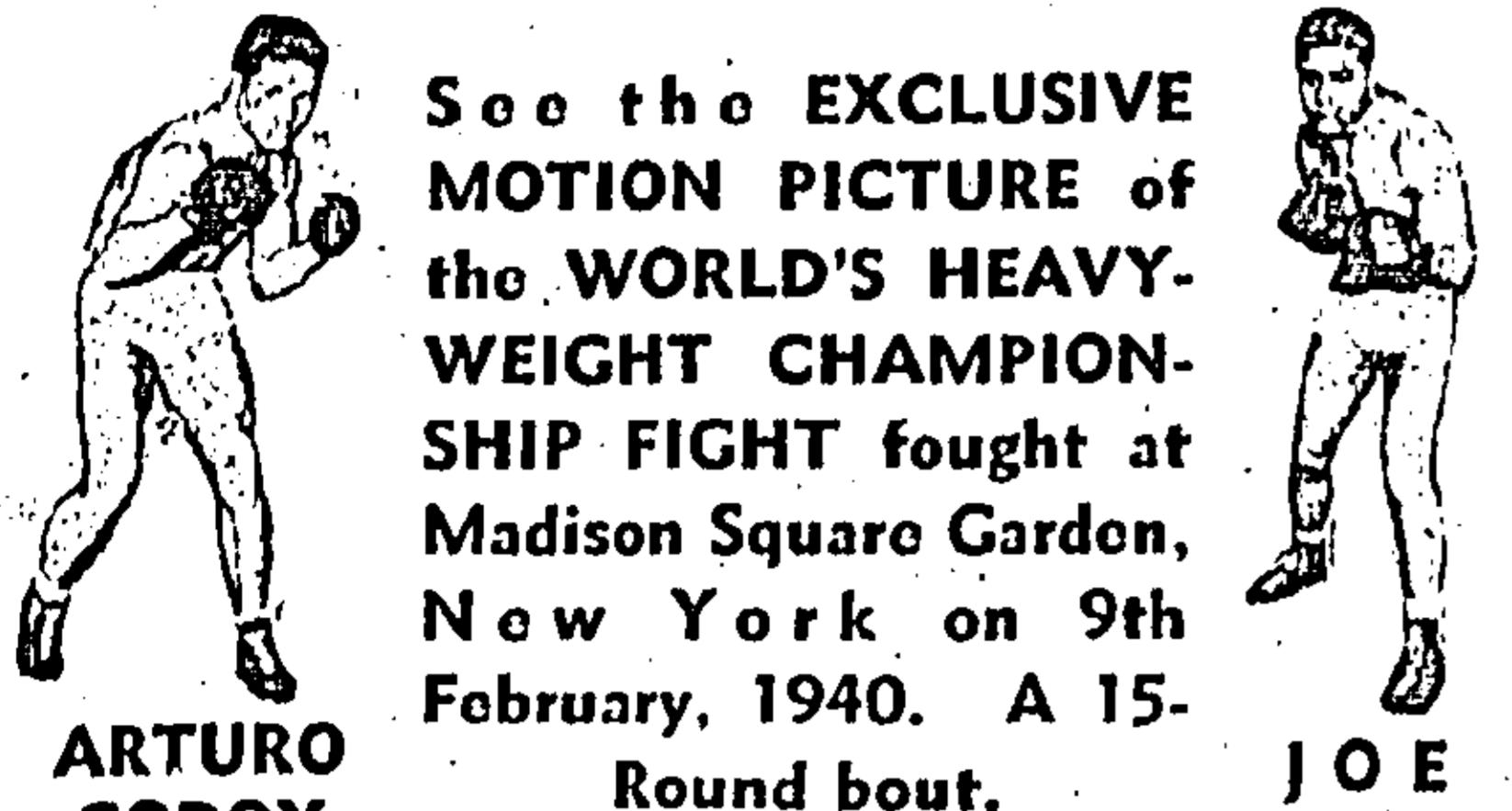
The report asserts that the American Army and Air Force in Alaska.

The paper further asserts that the joint defence scheme was formulated when a delegation of the Canadian Defence Ministry visited Washington in 1938 and met United States Army and Naval officials.

Questioned regarding the report, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, to-day denied that he had any knowledge of such a pact.

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## PARSEE'S AMAZING ADVENTURE

A SHANGHAI-BORN PARSEE who, determined to offer his services to China, set out to walk to Hongkong from far-off Teheran arrived in the Colony this week, foot-sore and weary. He has travelled almost the entire distance overland.

The young patriot is named Belochi. He was born in Shanghai 26 years ago, and was sent to Teheran by his parents just before war broke out between China and Japan.

Early in 1938 a friend wrote him a lengthy account of the war and he determined to return to offer his services to China.

But his father, a carpet merchant in Shanghai, refused to permit him to leave Teheran, and would advance no money for his passage.

### Decided To Walk

Belochi decided to walk overland. He tramped to India, encountering considerable hardships en route.

From India he climbed the tortuous mountains into Tibet.

Two days after his arrival in Lhasa he was arrested for entering monastery grounds and was thrown into prison.

But he became friendly with a number of the lamas, and was able to prevail upon them to intercede for him.

After several weeks in prison he was released and deported back to Afghanistan, where he remained, because of ill-health, for several months.

### Sets Off For Hanoi

As soon as he recovered his health he set off afoul again and walked to

Calcutta. From there he was able to receive a free passage to Hongkong. Belochi remained in the Colony for only 36 hours. He set off on foot again yesterday for Hanoi.

From there he hopes to hitch-hike his way by motor truck to Chungking. But if he can't get a lift, he'll walk.

## (That Other Man) GOEBBELS LETS IT RIP—

### THIS TIME WE WILL MAKE A FINAL END TO PLUTOCRATIC TYRANNY

BERLIN, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—Addressing a meeting at Muenster to-day, Dr. Goebbels declared that the German nation was now united for the first time in history.

The very existence of a united German nation has been regarded as a challenge by the plutocratic Powers of the west. The German nation is well aware that the present war is a war of life or death.

"Escape is not possible yet," said Dr. Goebbels. "We know our own means very well, but we also know our opponents' means.

### We Do Not Care"

"We do not care if our opponents base their judgment of Germany on the opinion of Jewish refugees, nor if they make mad war aims with a view to the utter destruction of the German nation."

"Their efforts to swerve Germany by propaganda will be as futile as their efforts to swerve it by blockade, Germany has rendered the blockade for a greater part ineffectual."

Dr. Goebbels said that the German military organisation was the best that had ever existed. It was determined and able, at the Fuehrer's command to bring the war to a victorious end.

Every German was determined to stake everything to bring the struggle to a successful conclusion.

"We are well aware what would happen to us if it should be possible to defeat us," he said. "This time the German nation will make a final end of the plutocratic world tyranny."

Dr. Goebbels extolled the part played by Nazi Party officials in the war. Ninety-five per cent. of all Hitler youths were in the army. Four hundred of them were killed in the Polish operations.

**Most Favourable Conditions**

"We are waging the war under the most favourable conditions. Our food supply is fully secured, our economic system consolidated, and it is in a position to supply the country with all necessary raw material and products.

"The armament industry is working at the highest pressure."

Dealing with neutrals, Dr. Goebbels said that unlike Mr. Churchill, Germany did not demand their active assistance in the war, but Germany

### CENSURE MOTION ON PALESTINE

LONDON, Feb. 28 (Reuter).—The Opposition Labour Party has decided to put down a motion of censure on the Government's statement to-day regarding Palestine.

The Liberal Opposition Party intends to support the motion which is likely to be debated next week.

would not tolerate a definition of neutrality which refers to military but not political neutrality.

Germany could not allow the obvious difference between the neutrality of a State and the neutrality of its public opinion. The right of freedom of opinion must not be abused in neutral countries, he said.

## Funeral Of Mr. Humphreys

There was a large gathering of prominent guests at the funeral of the late Mr. J. D. Humphreys at the Protestant Cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev. A. P. Rose officiated. The chief mourners were Mr. D. E. Clark, brother-in-law, and Mr. J. E. Jupp.

Among those at the service were Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields, Hon. Mr. N. J. L. Hart, H. G. Sheldon, L. C. Bellamy, R. A. Camidge, D. Benson, W. H. Jowitt, W. J. Hansen, W. P. Peterson, E. Abram, G. C. Beck, B. N. Ryan, G. Wood, A. H. MacKichan, S. H. Ross, D. G. Clark, F. C. Hall, C. D. Brown, R. H. Williams, G. L. Tebbutt, D. H. Blake, A. H. Penn, A. Morse, A. N. Hughes, R. A. Wadson, D. G. Williams, H. J. Armstrong, E. W. Dunstan, W. H. F. Sullivan, A. Jackson, T. Lock, T. Sleap, J. A. Tarrant, I. Guy, W. A. Cornell, A. Andrew, W. H. Addison, J. A. Lamb, J. H. Hughes, J. C. Raymond, J. T. Barron, E. J. H. Mitchell, Alfred Humphreys, B. Williams, G. Lai, K. Singh, S. K. Wong, P. C. Kwok, K. H. Ling, K. Y. Ng, K. Y. Lam, K. Y. Wong, H. Sin-ka, H. C. Pang, C. G. Lee, K. Quie, Wong, Peter Wong.

John's son, Father and Irene, Vi and Maurice, and Dorothy and Douglas, were buried with the casket.

Floral tributes were sent by Stella, Edith, and their Auntie Nell, Goldie, and Douglas, Frank, Chubbet and Christopher, Mr. and Mrs. A. Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. D. Johnson, S. Horn, D. Black, Capt. and Mrs. E. C. Blundell, Mr. and Mrs. T. Butlin, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. C. MacKichan, D. E. Hindmarsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Humphreys, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Blake, Mr. and Mrs. J. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. F. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. D. Landale, G. A. Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. MacKichan, Mr. and Mrs. V. Mamak, C. Mark, Mr. and Mrs. V. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. S. Mason, Mr. and Mrs. Newbigging, Doll and M. Nish, Mr. and Mrs. P. P. Pescall, John E. Potter, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pott, J. L. Que, T. Hanbury, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Raymond, Mr. and Mrs. Scott-Harston, E. G. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. John Smalley, J. L. Stanton, P. S. Sham, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Stapleton, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tarrant, J. and Miss Bertha Tarrant, Mr. and Mrs. S. Spano-Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holden, Mr. and Mrs. E. Eggarwardson, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. B. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Wild, D. Wilson, G. G. Wood, F. O. Wong, Peter Wong, Mrs. Hindmarsh, Mrs. Capell and family, Henry and Betty Tebbutt, Dr. Humphreys' Estate, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Tebbutt, Humphreys' workers (May Road); Humphreys' workers (Kowloon); Staff of the Office of the Standard Mart, Ltd.; Staff of the Aerated Water Dept., Ltd.; Staff of the Standard Mart, Ltd.; Staff of North Point Factory, A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.; Staff of the Advertising Dept., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.; Chinese Dispensary, Staff of Honkong Dispensary, Staff of Honkong Dispensary, A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.; Staff of Watson's, Ltd.; Staff of North Point, A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.; Staff of the Aerated Water Dept., A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.; Canton Staff of A. S. Watson and Co., Ltd.; Staff of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd.; Committee and members, Hongkong Club; President, Committee members, Kowloon Cricket Club; Staff of the Standard Mart, Ltd.; Jardine Engineering Corporation Ltd.; Gregg Publishing Co.; Meiss' Deaf and Dumb School; Society of China; Harold F. Sheldy and Sons, Ltd.; Lai Man On and Co.; Ying Kwong Electrical Co.

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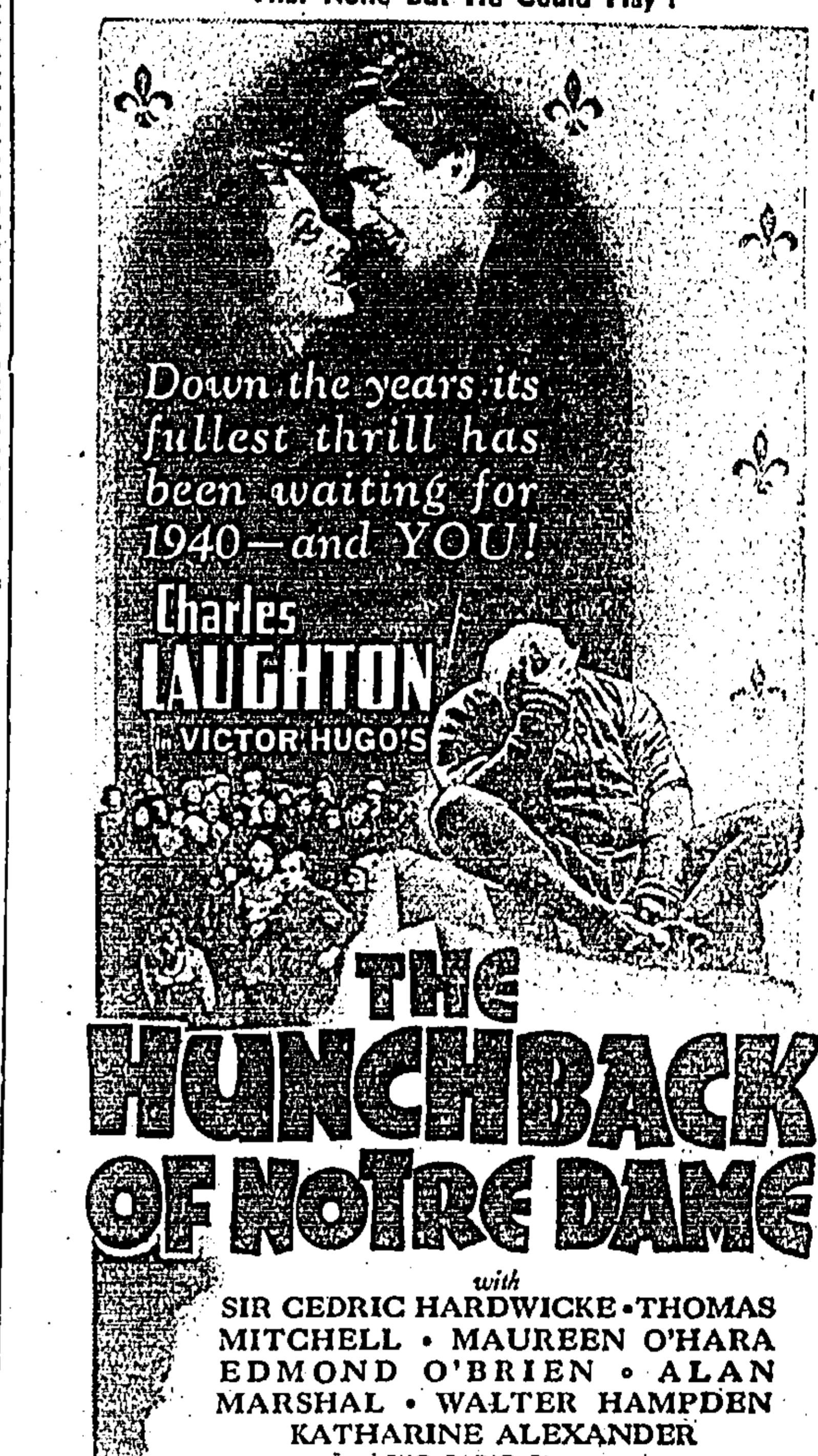
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